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Aston Villa captain Leighton Phillips (left) tussles with Q.P.R. striker Peter Eastoe.

**'MY BIGGEST
DISAPPOINTMENT—
MY GREATEST
THRILL'**

Emlyn Hughes talks about
his life in football

Coleraine's Proud Cup Record

IRISH F.A. Cup holders Coleraine have won the trophy more times than any other provincial outfit.

The Bannside's four wins in six post-war Finals is an all-time record for a non-Belfast club, though Glenavon, Ballymena United and ex-seniors Derry City are breathing down their necks,

with three triumphs apiece.

Coleraine lost to Linfield in 1948 (0-3) and 1953 (0-5), but avenged these setbacks with 1975 (1-0) and 1977 (4-1) Final victories over The Blues. The Co. Derry side were also successful v. Glenavon, in 1965, and Portadown, seven years later. Current supremo Ivan Murray

played in the 1965, 1972 and 1975 wins, and missed last season's decider through injury, while defender Davy Jackson and forwards Des Dickson and Brian Jennings appeared in the last three successes.

The First Round Irish Cup-ties are played this Saturday (Feb.4).



AMONG this season's goalscorers are three who've been around haunting goalkeepers for nearly 20 years.

Internationals Mike Summerbee (Stockport County), Arfon Griffiths (Wrexham) and Alan Durban, above, (Shrewsbury Town) all scored their first League goals as long ago as 1959.

FIGHTING GIBBINS

ROGER GIBBINS, the striker given free transfers by both Tottenham and Oxford United, could end up as top scorer with First Division Norwich this season.

Gibbins, freed by Spurs in the summer of 1975 and by Oxford United a year later, has fought his way into the Canaries line-up after joining them in July, 1976.

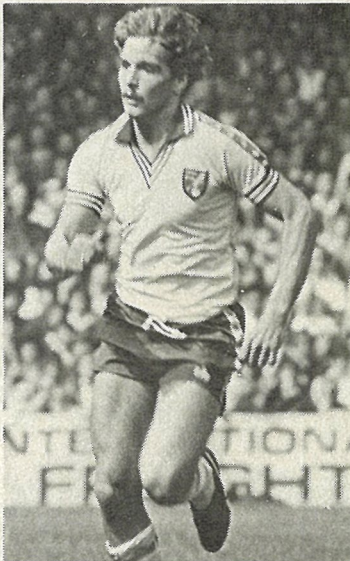
"Roger has done very well for us," says Norwich manager John Bond. "He's a great battler and has proved his worth in the air even when faced by bigger men."

Yet in July, 1975, the Enfield-born goal-getter was all but lost to League soccer. Interest shown by Hereford and Swansea had waned and only Wimbledon, then a Southern League club, and Barnet, also in the S.L., appeared to be interested.

But then up stepped Oxford United with the offer of a month's trial. Roger snapped that up, was signed for the season and went on to get two goals in 17 appearances.

Oxford decided to let him go, but then Norwich stepped in and the future is now looking a lot more rosy for Gibbins.

BLYTH SPARTANS, who met Stoke City in the F.A. Cup Fourth Round, are only the 28th non-League club to have reached this stage of the competition.



HUDDERSFIELD TOWN midfielder Kevin Johnson has developed a knack of scoring against his old clubs. He did it last season against Working-ton and Hartlepool. He's repeated the feat against Hartlepool already this season, and has power to add against them and Southend in remaining matches.

NEWS DESK

COMPILED BY PETER STEWART

GOAL 'DOUBLES'

● All these players have had the bitter-sweet experience this season of scoring in a match for BOTH sides — Graham Collier (Crewe Alexandra), Kevin Lock (West Ham), Nick Jennings (Exeter City), George Hope (York City), Terry Austin (Plymouth) and Phil Neale (Lincoln).

● RECENT transfers in Northern Ireland soccer saw talented Ards' player John Flanagan move to Cliftonville; brilliant Cliftonville striker John Burns switch to neighbours Crusaders, and Ards' boss Billy Humphries capture midfield prospect Gerry Falloon, previously with juniors Ballyclare Comrades.

100 MANCHESTER UNITED BOOK WINNERS!

Were you one of the thousands of entrants in the Man. Utd. book competition in our December 24th, 1977, issue? Remember we asked you three questions about the 1977 Cup-winners? Here are the answers: 1. Frank O'Farrell; 2. Jimmy Greenhoff; 3. November, 1975.

The books have been awarded to the senders of the first 100 all-correct entries checked after the closing date, and they are:—

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Double ton?

PETER DOWNSBOROUGH will never forget Boxing Day, 1977. Not only did his goalkeeping talents help Bradford City to beat the Third Division Championship "favourites" Wrexham, but before the match a presentation to him marked the occasion of his 600th League game since his debut for Halifax Town in 1959.

Peter made 148 appearances for Halifax before moving to Swindon with whom he added another 274 games — and a Football League Cup winner's medal.

Then after three games on loan to Brighton he signed for Bradford City in January, 1973 and now hopes to reach his double century for the Paraders by the end of this season. Well done, Peter!

● A few weeks ago Wolves gave League baptism to one of their up-and-coming youngsters, Melvyn Eves. If history repeats itself young Mel can look forward to a successful career — because he hails from Wednesbury, as did those two former Wolves and England wingers of goalscoring repute Norman Deeley and Alan Hinton.

ANOTHER Peter Ward — that's how Peterborough United manager John Barnwell describes his newest hope at London Road, 17 year-old Tony Cliss.

Tony, who scored his first League goal against Cambridge United, is a nephew of former Chelsea player David Cliss.

Barnwell says: "He looks pure gold but I don't want to rush him. Nearly every club in the country has checked him out already."

WILLIE MacFARLANE, the former Hibs and Stirling Albion manager, returned to senior football recently as manager of Second Division Meadowbank Thistle whose luck has been at a low ebb this season.



Shaker for Ashcroft

MIDDLESBROUGH striker Billy Ashcroft, disappointed with his form since his £135,000 move from Wrexham, took "drastic" action in December. The Merseysider shaved off his beard — "A change of appearance may bring a change of luck."

There was no immediate good fortune, though. Rather the opposite. Ashcroft was pulled off over Christmas against Manchester City!

Manager John Neal said: "I want more aggression from him. Billy needs a shake-up now and again."

Neal should know. He groomed Ashcroft at Wrexham and made him one of the most feared strikers in the Third Division.

The future looks bright... for trouble-torn Fulham

ONE OF the most creditable feats of the season so far has been that of trouble-torn Fulham in forging a side more than capable of holding its own in the Second Division amid all its financial turbulence.

Manager Bobby Campbell (below) deserves the utmost credit for keeping his players' minds OFF the trouble and ON its priority of achieving good results.

He also warrants praise for some astute handling of players necessitated by his board's sale of players like £246,000 striker Teddy Maybank to Brighton, and key defender Ernie Howe to Queens Park Rangers. With George Best finally deciding America is now his home, Fulham could have been left high and dry in a tumble towards the Third Division.

Campbell though made a shrewd signing in midfield player Richard Money, from Scunthorpe. He introduced young Steve Hatter to the back-four and moved youth international Tony Gale into midfield where he has scored some



Fulham's Richard Money (right) in action against Bolton's Peter Nicholson.

invaluable goals.

And although Fulham aren't going to win promotion they are moving in the right direction and retaining a very respectable position.

"We are a very young side and still learning, but I know what the players are capable of and I believe we have a very rosy future here at Craven Cottage," he said after the 2-1 home win over promotion chasing Brighton.

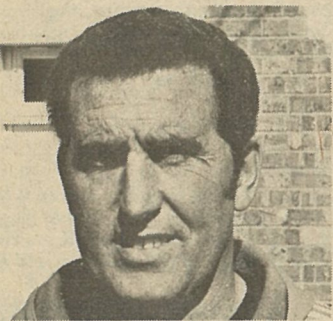
This came on the heels of a best-of-season display against Bolton, a 3-0 win at Millwall and a 1-0 victory at Charlton, so Campbell had every right to be buoyant.

With a better start to the season

Fulham might well have been up there with the leaders, but after scraping to safety last season, Campbell is well pleased to be making progress and consolidating.

"I am content to see the boys learn their trade at the moment and with youngsters like Gale, Hatter, John Margerrison, Terry Bullivant, Money and Brian Greenaway coming on it's all very interesting," says Campbell.

As for the Second Division Championship the Fulham manager reckons Bolton and Tottenham will be fighting it out with Southampton and Brighton battling for third spot.



GEORGE GOES

GEORGE EASTHAM became the 33rd manager to lose his job in 12 months when sacked by Stoke City last month. George had taken over the job after Tony Waddington resigned.

To Argentina — by sub

THOUSANDS of Scots fans are busy trying to find out how to get to Argentina for this summer's World Cup Finals.

But restaurant manager Jim Tait, from Hamilton, Lanarkshire, has surely found the oddest way of travel of all... by submarine!

Jim has been organising trips to matches abroad for years, and usually books a charter plane. But this time, a travel agent suggested a submarine was probably the cheapest way of making the 7,000 miles trip to the South American country and back.

Surprised, Jim made some enquiries — and discovered a few European countries will hire out their redundant subs.

He is now negotiating with a European country — he won't say which one but it is not Britain — for the hire of a sub at a cost of about £90,000.

Jim is hoping to find 150 other mad-keen Scottish supporters ready to fork out £600 each for a return ticket... and he has already had plenty of enquiries.

MACKAY'S MAN KING

MANAGERS — like elephants — never forget. Which is why when Dave Mackay needed to strengthen Walsall's attacking potential he signed Jeff King for a fee of £12,500 from Derby County.

He knew his man for when Dave managed Derby County he secured Jeff from Albion Rovers for £7,000 in 1974.

Although the young Scot never really hit the headlines with Derby and last season had two loan spells with Notts County and Portsmouth, his move to Walsall has given him the incentive to display all his midfield and attacking talents.



Soccer-son

ANOTHER soccer-son has entered the scene to follow in his father's footsteps. Tony Loxley recently signed professional forms for Lincoln City after two years apprenticeship.

Like his father, Bert Loxley, who made more than 250 appearances for Notts County during a period of ten seasons (1954-64), Tony is a strapping six-footer and is expected to develop into as solid a centre-half as was his Dad.

● ALAN SUDDICK spent many years of his career with Blackpool, but since leaving Bloomfield Road he has achieved the remarkable record of appearing in all four Divisions in only five months.

After leaving Stoke City with whom he played in the First Division last season and Second Division this, he had a spell on loan to Southport (Fourth) and has now linked up with Third Division Bury.

● Should Brian Clough's Nottingham Forest maintain their League Championship challenge and actually clinch the First Division crown this term, then ball-playing forward Martin O'Neill could become the first Northern Ireland player to win a Football League medal for seven years. Pat Rice was the last player to do so in Arsenal's 'double' side of 1971.

FEW fans will know Arsenal's Malcolm Macdonald is the only player in the game to have scored hat-tricks for England and also in the Football League, F.A. Cup and League Cup.

Supermac's ambition must be to add a hat-trick or two in one of the other European competitions.

McGUINNESS — THE ILL-FATED MAN

WILF McGUINNESS could be forgiven for thinking football has been most unkind to him.

Instead the former England wing-half who was recently sacked as a manager for the second time, made the observation: "I still love the game, and I won't hesitate to take another job if the chance comes along."

McGuinness was the ill-fated man who stepped into Sir Matt Busby's shoes at Old Trafford when he retired, but found the job perhaps too big for him and was eventually sacked, after only four months.

So shattered was he by the experience, McGuinness lost all his hair, but his determination never wavered and after a spell in Greek football he returned to take over York City when they were in the Second Division.

Again his luck has deserted him. And with York slipping down two Divisions his demise was not hard to predict.

Wilf still has a lot to offer though, and it would be a pity if such a dedicated individual were to find it hard to get back into the game.

Norman puts his foot in it



FANS yelled "Norman Bites Yer Legs" when Hunter used to take the field for Leeds United. But now at Bristol City they could shout "Norman Soaks His Legs".

The former England defender sinks his left foot in a bucket every day to ease a five-year-old tendon injury that has recently become worse.

"I've been told to put my foot in alternate buckets of hot and cold water," he says. "There's nowt else I can do."

● Here's a "pail"-looking Norman Hunter. His team-mates at Ashton Gate now call him "The Bucket Man."

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This week's Star Letter comes from Mark Allen of Westbury Park, Bristol, who wins our Special Prize of £3. He writes:

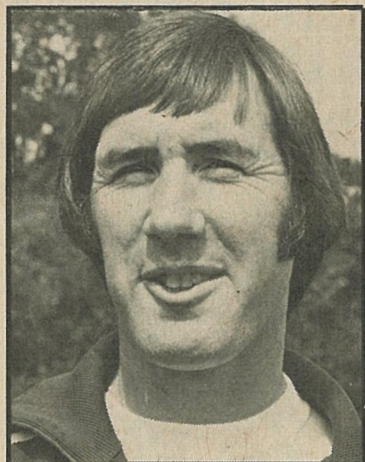
SPURS' GOOD EXAMPLE

IN THESE days of ever-changing managerial posts it is nice to see a club, despite failure, standing by their boss.

I refer to Tottenham Hotspur who were relegated for the first time in 27 years last season. Rumours went around that Keith Burkinshaw would get the chop after a nightmare first season in the hot seat.

The Spurs board, criticised by many, stood by Keith and the club's results this season back their view Burkinshaw was the right manager for them.

Maybe if other clubs showed a little more faith and didn't panic when things went wrong they would be rewarded with success, just like Spurs.



● Spurs will, I'm sure, return to Division One next season with a much stronger, and more confident, team — thanks to Keith (above), and the board's faith in him.

Big Mouth

I'M FED up with the constant bickering between players. Tommy Smith, the Liverpool defender, called Malcolm MacDonald a big mouth.

Surely, by saying this, Smith is being exactly the same?

My message to pro footballers is: play football and leave off the bickering.

CHRIS BURFIELD,
WINCHMORE HILL.

● Agreed.

Scots Only Human

MY LETTER is in reply to the reader who accused Asa Hartford and other Scotland players of being tough.

Scots only become annoyed when provoked and being human lose their tempers occasionally.

We are not a special breed and I recall England have also had players sent-off. A classic case of sour grapes, I'd say.

DENNIS PEARCEY, WIMBLEDON.
(An English-born Scot).

● This was the sort of reply we received from many Scots. Nearly all, predictably, virtually condoned their players' tough behaviour because English players are also tough. This, of course, misses the point of the original letter completely when the writer warned that hot-tempered players could be a liability in the World Cup Finals.

Problems

I THINK I've found the reason behind Aston Villa's problems this season... look at this lovely misprint from the local Birmingham Sport Argus: "Frank Carrodus leapt above several of his teammates when picking up seven pints in the defeat at Maine Road."

J. A. BILL,
WARD END.

● I'll drink to that!

Pen-Pal

I'M A Finnish girl who's mad about Kevin Keegan and I'd love to have pen-pals who support Kevin, Liverpool and HSV.

IRMELI HUTTUNEN,
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FINLAND.

SHOOT Pads!

A PART FROM reading SHOOT since 1973, I have found another useful point about the magazine.

I lost my shinpads recently and got out an old issue of SHOOT, cut it in two and stuck the pieces down my socks.

I was tackled and kicked a few times, yet didn't feel a thing — and we won the match.

KEVIN GIRR.

● I suppose 15p is cheap for a pair of shinpads! Can you let me know your address, Kevin — then we can send you £1.50 towards a REAL pair of shinpads!

"SOME WEEKS ago, SHOOT tipped Kevin Keegan as a virtual certainty for the European Player of the Year award. Were you surprised when it went instead to Allan Simonsen of Borussia Mönchengladbach?" That was the question fired at me by George Page of Ripon, North Yorkshire.

Yes — and no! Yes, because Kevin played a major part in helping Liverpool to a double of Championship and European Cup, the first time the feat had ever been achieved by an English club.

No, because the award is given for playing to a consistently high standard throughout a year, and Kevin had performed in bursts whereas Allan Simonsen, the Dane who plays for the team we defeated by 3-1 in the Final in Rome, had by all accounts been outstanding throughout the season. And that is the criteria by which the voting journalists judge players.

Kevin was out of this world, a man on his own, in the Final when he tortured and tormented Berti Vogts, in the front rank of international defenders. No one who was privileged to witness the "Kevin Keegan Show" that night will ever forget the skill and endeavour he showed from kick-off to final whistle. He was magic.

Allan Simonsen is regarded as a player in the same mould, I believe, and on the night he scored what I rank as one of the best goals put past me.

It resulted from a misunderstanding between our Jimmy Case and Phil Neal. Jimmy passed back but Phil had moved, and Simonsen pounced on the ball like a hungry wolf.

As he ran in I moved off my line, spreading myself, giving him as little space as possible to shoot into. He struck the ball with the outside of his foot and as it whistled past the side of my head I felt sure it would go wide. But such was the hefty slice he had given the ball that it curved like a boomerang into the far side of the netting.

Before the game I'd been told he was a poor finisher, but that goal told a different story.

I'm sure Kevin feels no sour grapes about missing out on the European Player of the Year award to a man who scored what could be classed amongst the great goals of last season.

Unfortunately for Kevin, he hasn't done as well as expected at Hamburger SV. In the three games I've played in against him for Liverpool, he has made obvious attempts to do well. But through no fault of his own he's been made to look a very average player.

He completely lacked support, particularly in the second-leg of the Super Cup at Anfield when we beat SV by six goals to nil. It was almost as though most of his team-mates didn't want to play with him.

Time after time he made his inevitable runs off the ball, getting into good positions, only to be ignored by a team-mate in possession.

What I saw confirmed the impression given by their captain, who was reported once as saying he failed to see the need for someone

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paid around £20,000 more a year than anyone else in a side that held the European Cup-Winners' Cup.

Although Kevin told me he was happy at Hamburg, I suspect the resentment shown by some players there does hurt his feelings. He's a very sensitive lad who prefers to enjoy the company of players both on and off the field.

However, knowing his dedication and integrity, he will continue to play wholeheartedly for his new club and will not make any move towards getting a transfer. He'll honour his contract.

But if he does move on, I'm sure it will be to a club where he'll be accepted and not regarded as some highly-paid interloper.

France could be his next stop. I know he has a tremendous following there. Even at Liverpool, a large part of his mail-bag consisted of letters from French fans. And, of course, he now wears boots supplied by a French manufacturer.

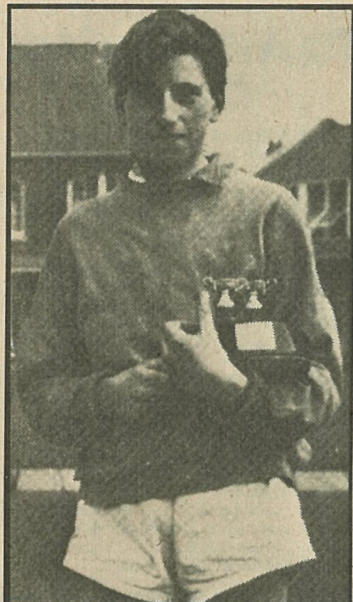
I discount talk of Kevin going to America. The game there would not present the professional challenge he demands at this stage. I suspect he'll follow the likes of Pele and Franz Beckenbauer to the States when he's in the closing chapter of his career.

It's something I may well do myself, too.

This somewhat embarrassing letter came from Len Ranger, a soldier stationed in Belfast, Northern Ireland: "Kenny Dalglish scored a hat-trick against Wrexham in the League Cup and Terry McDermott grabbed one in the Super Cup at Anfield and

NOT

'My first trophy...'



KEVIN MISSED THE EURO AWARD...

received the Man of the Match award. My friends and I have wracked our brains as to when a Liverpool player previously scored three goals in a game. But we had no success. Could you enlighten us?"

I'm not surprised you couldn't recall it, Len, because the hat-trick before Terry's was scored three seasons ago — on the 31st January, 1976 — by John Toshack in a 4-1 League defeat of West Ham at Upton Park.

I can only remember Tosh's third goal. He was on the edge of the box with the ball — 'keeper Mervyn Day did everything right, coming out and spreading himself to present as small a target as possible — and Tosh coolly slotted it home.

We're about due for another hat-trick. In fact, we could do with several to improve our goal-difference. At the moment, the goal-differences of both Everton and Nottingham Forest are worth a point to them and could prove decisive in the event of them being involved with us on a points dead-heat at the end of the season.

Terry Mac. wasn't the only person to get into the record books as the result of his hat-trick in the Super Cup match. Reader Mary Coldwell, who hails from my home town of Skegness, writes: "I believe you

broke a club appearance record that night. Could you give me more details?"

Up to then, Chris Lawler — now with Stockport — had held the record for consecutive appearances, at 315, and I overtook him.

It wasn't until I was asked to appear on TV a few weeks beforehand I realised the prospect in store.

There's a lot of luck involved in appearing week-in, week-out over a long period, and I put it down partly to being able to hold my form, but mainly to having a sound defence in front of me that rarely exposes me to the risk of injury.

Without being big-headed I've a feeling I'm going to go on to establish another record that will be even harder to beat than Chris Lawler's.

Just time to reply to another letter — this time from Tawfick Ismail, from Baghdad, Iraq, who is interested to know what honours I won before coming to Liverpool.

My first was while playing for the Skegness Lumley School team for helping to win the Cusworth Cup.

It was a competition between schools in the area, and we beat another school from about 20 miles away.

My next honour was a double of League and Cup with Skegness Youth Club.



In September last year we beat them in the League at our place by 2-0, then met again in November at Anfield in the League Cup, when they held us to a 2-2 draw.

But in the replay away we won through with goals from Jimmy Case and Kenny Dalglish.

It was Kenny's hat-trick against Wrexham that put us through to the League Cup Semi-Finals for the first time ever.

The Semis are played over two legs, and we play the first next week against Arsenal — and another fiercely-contested match is in prospect.

Liverpool have never yet won the League Cup — so we've one chance of erecting another milestone in the club's history this season!

AS CONSISTENT AS SIMONSEN

RAY CLEMENCE

talking soccer



Then at Scunthorpe I received a set of teaspoons when we finished as runners-up to Lincoln City in the Final of the Lincolnshire Senior Cup.

Small stuff considering my medals for F.A., U.E.F.A., and European Cups — and Championship plaques with Liverpool.

But I treasured them then — and do still!

This Saturday, February 4th, we travel to Highfield Road to play Coventry City in a League match. The Sky Blues are in good form this season, with Ian Wallace a danger-man to watch, and we're in for a hard game.

'A hat-trick for Kenny'



Simonsen in goal-getting action

'LEEDS CAN GET TO WEMBLEY'

TREVOR CHERRY



THIS Cup-tie is a life-line into Europe for us, so we are determined to give everything we've got. But while we're able to concentrate 100 per cent on winning, I'm hoping Nottingham Forest have other commitments,

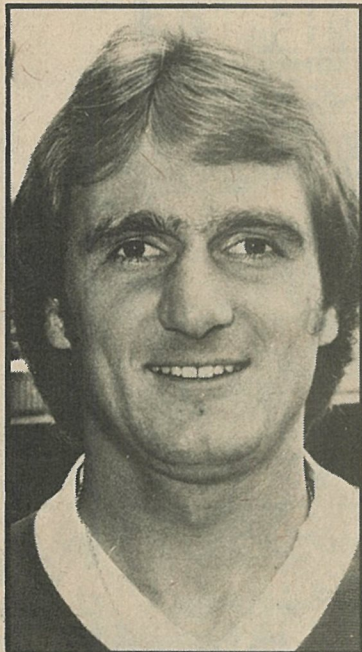
such as the League Championship, to divert some of their attention.

But I'm not kidding myself — I know this is going to be a hard battle. I believe Forest are a class side who are going to lift the League title, and I have a lot of

LEAGUE CUP SEMI-FINALS

Players preview their first-leg matches, to be played next week.

'WE'LL GO THROUGH — BY A NARROW MARGIN'



PHIL THOMPSON

THIS is going to be a very hard game. They are a good side, and although I won't attempt to predict a scoreline, the result will be close.

Up to now, the Liverpool fans have never thought much of the League Cup as a proposition — to them, it has never come near the F.A. Cup for glamour, especially in the earlier rounds. But now Liverpool have reached the Semi-Finals for the first-time ever, the chance of a visit to Wembley has captured their imagination.

And as I missed last season's F.A. Cup Final against Manchester United, I would welcome the chance of playing at Wembley in the League Cup Final. First, though, we must win the Semi, and in a game of this sort, Liverpool's experience is an important factor.

All our players are used to the big occasion, and no matter how

Leeds v

respect for Brian Clough's leadership. Yet I think Leeds can get to Wembley.

As Forest will not come to Elland Road to defend, there should be plenty of action to please the fans. If Leeds can knock in a couple of goals at home, this will put pressure on Nottingham Forest in the return, which is what I want.

Collectively, Leeds are a very sound outfit, and we showed in our performance against Everton in the previous round we will take some stopping. Everton are a very good side but we thoroughly deserved our win over them, and I think we have the ability to knock out Nottingham — but it will be very close.

Certainly, our supporters will be with us every inch of the way — they have been magnificent this season, and we can depend on them whatever happens.

They probably won't see many goals, because neither defence will be easy to score against. But I would like this tie to be a credit to both teams and the result a happy one for Leeds.

RIGHT ... Leeds United (white strip) and Nottingham Forest clashed in the League at Elland Road in November, 1977 and Jimmy Armfield's men won 1-0.



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hard the going, we'll be all out right through the 90 minutes. And if we fall behind, we are great at coming back — we all have the determination to win.

For preference, I wanted Liverpool away in the first-leg, so we would know what we had to do in the return match. But as I said before, we have the men who are used to big-match atmosphere wherever the game is played.

And we have also learned to respect the opposition — and at this stage in the competition, the survivors are all quality teams. However, we expect to settle down quickly in the game, and we'll be out to create as many scoring chances as possible. Then the important thing is to accept them, and we look to Kenny Dalglish and Co. up-front to do this.

At the same time, I'm anticipating plenty of work in the back-four — but having said that, I still look to us to beat Arsenal by a narrow margin.

Arsenal's Liam Brady (dark shirt) and Jimmy Case of Liverpool in a midfield duel. The Highbury encounter finished 0-0.



Nottingham Forest

'A QUESTION OF KEEPING YOUR NERVE'

JOHN McGOVERN

EVEN though key players like Peter Shilton, Dave Needham and Archie Gemmill are ineligible, I believe we can knock-out Leeds.

We were without them at Bury in the Quarter-Finals — and Larry Lloyd wasn't fit to take over from Dave Needham at centre-half, either. But we still won convincingly.

That was a very pleasing performance because people had been saying we would struggle if we got a few injuries.

We proved that night we have the reserves to cope and we fancy ourselves against anybody over two legs.

I'm pleased it's Leeds, even though we lost 1-0 up there in the League earlier in the season. I think it's a good draw for us and when you get to the Semi-Finals stage, it's a question of who keeps their nerve.

I've not been in the Semi-Finals of a domestic tournament before — I wasn't at Derby when they met

Leeds in the 1967-68 League Cup Semis although our gaffer was — so it is a new experience for me.

I can't decide whether I'm happy to be playing the first-leg away from home or not.

It's not like the early rounds of the F.A. Cup when you're looking for one of the minnows at home.

There aren't any minnows at this

stage, and you've got to play home and away in any case. So I suppose going to Elland Road first is as good a place as any to start.

You'd expect Leeds to be a soft touch after losing Joe Jordan and having other problems. But they hammered Everton in the Quarter-Finals so they can't have suffered too badly can they?



Arsenal

'LIVERPOOL AREN'T UNBEATABLE'

JOHN MATTHEWS

WE'VE a good squad of players at Highbury, all fighting for first team places. I've not been able to command a regular spot. But in the League Cup it's been a different story.

Our signing from Wolves, Alan Sunderland, is cup-tied, which has allowed me a number of first team run-outs.

In the Quarter-Finals, we travelled to Maine Road for a game against Manchester City, not an easy game by any standards.

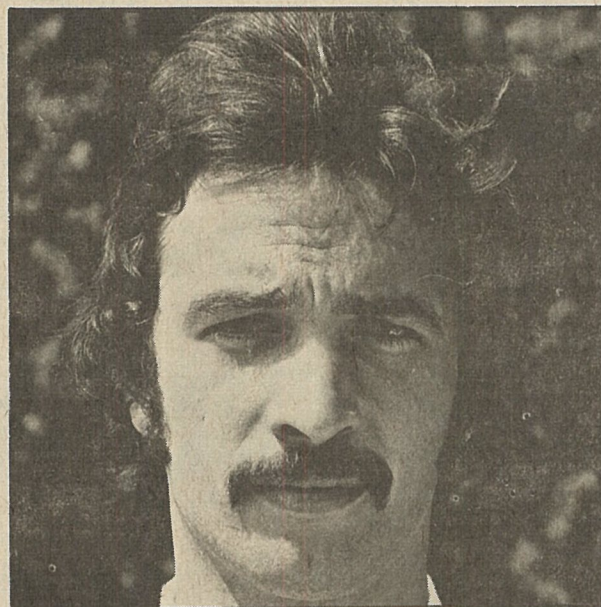
We went to win . . . and with the chances we had in the first-half there could have been no need for a replay.

In one attempt at goal, I got behind the defence, arrived at the goal-line, to send in a low glancing cross just in front of the City 'keeper, Joe Corrigan, for Frank Stapleton to come rushing in . . . but he was unable to connect.

City pushed forward more and more in the second-half, trying to break through our solid defence.

As the game went on we knew we could settle for a draw, although we wanted to win.

Over 57,000 people turned up for the replay, and it wasn't until Liam



Brady slotted home from the penalty-spot 15 minutes from time that the deadlock was broken.

It wasn't a very interesting first-half, we were testing each other. But I'm very pleased the side won.

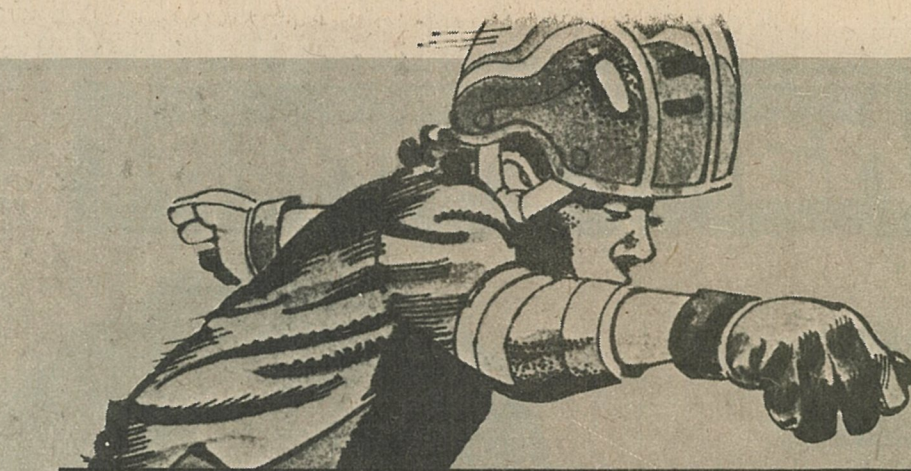
We go to Anfield to play Liverpool in the first-leg. We've a great chance of winning. Liverpool

lost a few weeks ago at home to Birmingham City so they're not unbeatable there.

We're not going to Anfield for a draw, but to win.

Liverpool then travel down to London for the second-leg, and I can't see us Gunners failing to reach the League Cup Final for the third time.





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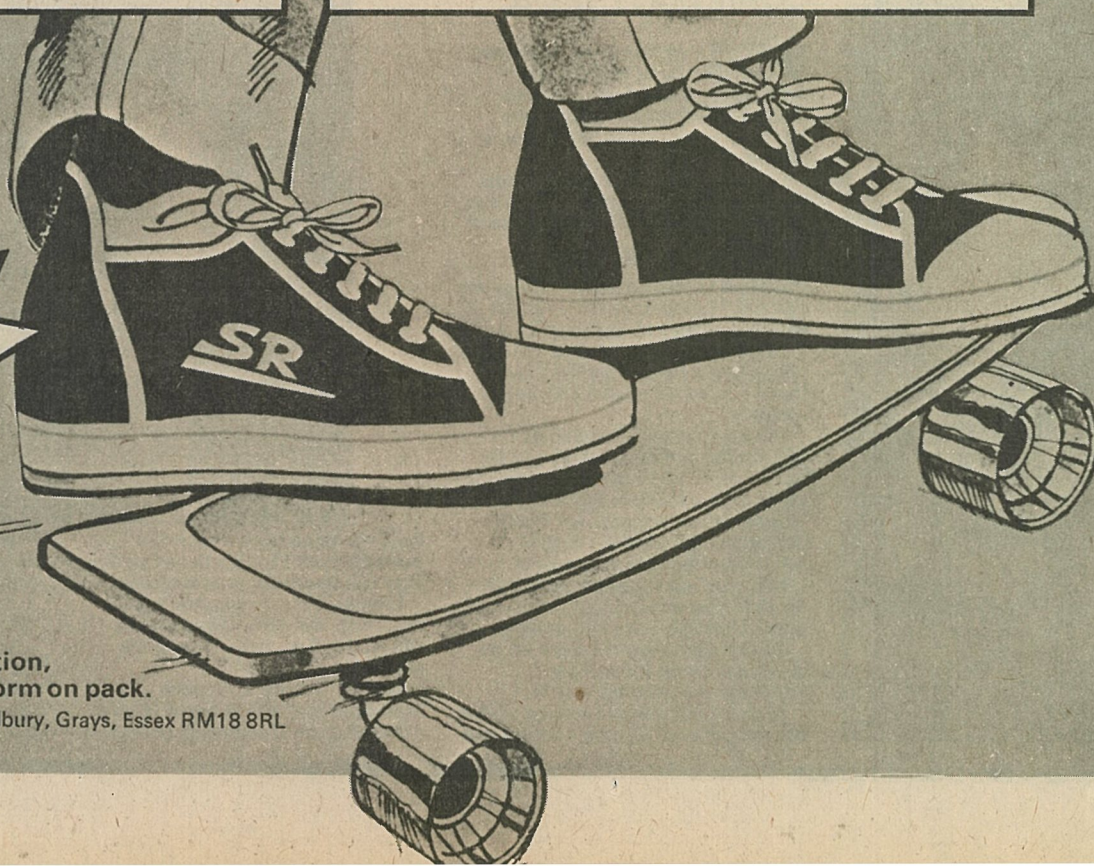
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compiled by John Pyke

IT IS always sad to see a club like Stoke City going through the lean patch that strikes even the greatest of clubs. As we go to Press, the Potteries club cannot even boast of having a manager.

Since March, 1977, Stoke have seen the departure of two managers. First long-serving Tony Waddington resigned and his successor George Eastham lasted only eight months.

While awaiting the arrival of a new boss, Stoke directors have asked coach Alan A'Court to take charge of the team. But lack of consistent results all season have seen City slip below the halfway mark in the Second Division and with hopes of promotion now remote.

RECORD VICTORY:
10-3 v W.B.A., Division One, February 4th, 1937.

RECORD DEFEAT:
0-10 v Preston N.E., Division One, September 14th, 1889.

MOST LEAGUE POINTS IN A SEASON:
63 in Division Three (North), 1926-27.

HIGHEST LEAGUE SCORER IN A SEASON:
Freddie Steel, 33 in Division One, 1936-37.

STOKE CITY

PEN-PICTURES

(L. App.— League Appearances; G.— Goals; S.— Substitutes. All Records to the end of December, 1977)

DANNY BOWERS: Defender signed professional in July, 1973. Born Audley. Ht. 5.8½. Wt. 10.9. L. App.— 33 and 4 sub. G.— 2.

ALAN BLOOR: Long serving defender signed professional in March, 1960. Alan is the senior professional at the Victoria Ground. Born Stoke. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 13.7. L. App.— 379 and 4 sub. G.— 17.

VIV BUSBY: Striker signed from Norwich City in November, 1977. Born High Wycombe. Ht. 6.0. Wt. 11.12. L. App.— Luton 64 and 13 sub, Newcastle (on loan) 4, Fulham 114 and 4 sub, Norwich 22, Stoke 9. G.— Luton 16, Newcastle (loan) 2, Fulham 29, Norwich 11, Stoke 1.

TERRY CONROY: Striker signed from Glentoran in March, 1967. Regular member of the Republic of Ireland international team. Born Dublin. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 10.12. L. App.— 232 and 22 sub. G.— 49.

JEFF COOK: Young striker signed professional in October, 1977 and already has performed well in the City League side. L. App.— 3 and 2 sub. G.— 1.

GARTH CROOKS: Winger signed professional in March, 1976 and was top scorer for Stoke last season. Born Stoke. Ht. 5.8½. Wt. 11.0. L. App.— 45 and 3 sub. G.— 14.

ALAN DODD: Defender capped by England Under-23's and signed professional in October, 1970. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 11.5. L. App.— 177 and 1 sub. G.— 1.

DAVID GOODWIN: Striker signed professional in June, 1972. Born Alsager. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 11.7. L. App.— Workington (on loan) 7, Stoke 22 and 4 sub. G.— Stoke 3.

DAVID GREGORY: Striker signed from Peterborough United in June, 1977. Born Peterborough. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 11.6. L. App.— Peterborough 131 and 11 sub, Stoke 17. G.— Peterborough 32, Stoke 2.

ROGER JONES: England U-23 goalkeeper signed from New-



Viv Busby (stripes) in action against one of his former clubs Fulham.

castle in February, 1977 and replaced Peter Shilton after the England 'keeper was transferred to Nottingham Forest. Born Upton-on-Severn. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 12.4. L. App.— Bournemouth 160, Blackburn 242, Newcastle 5, Stoke 22.

PAUL JOHNSON: Defender signed professional in July, 1977. Born Stoke. Ht. 5.6. Wt. 11.10. L. App.— 10 and 2 sub.

HOWARD KENDALL: Experienced midfielder signed from Birmingham City in August, 1977. England Under-23 international and holds the record of being the youngest player to appear in an F.A. Cup Final when with Preston in 1964. Born Ryton-on-Tyne. Ht. 5.8½. Wt. 10.9. L. App.— Preston 104, Everton 227 and 3 sub, Birmingham 115, Stoke 23. G.— Preston 13, Everton 21, Birmingham 16, Stoke 4.

ALEC LINDSAY: England defender with four full caps who joined Stoke from Liverpool in September, 1977 after being on loan. Already a great favourite of the Stoke crowd and has netted three penalties. Born Bury. Ht. 5.8. Wt. 10.10. L. App.— Bury 126, Liverpool 168 and 2 sub, Stoke 20. G.— Bury 14, Liverpool 12, Stoke 3.

JOHN LUMSDON: Defender signed professional in August, 1973. Born Stoke. Ht. 5.6. Wt. 9.2. L. App.— 26 and 2 sub.

JOHN MARSH: Defender and one of Stoke's longest serving players, having made his League debut v. Arsenal in August, 1967. Born Stoke. Ht. 5.7. Wt. 10.9. L. App.— 303 and 8 sub. G.— 2.

PAUL RICHARDSON: Midfielder signed from Chester in June, 1977. Born Nottingham. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 11.10. L. App.— Nottm. For. 199 and 23 sub, Chester 28, Stoke 16 and 1 sub. G.— Nottm. For. 17, Chester 2, Stoke 1.

GEOFF SCOTT: Young defender signed professional in April, 1977 and given his League chance this season. Born Birmingham. Ht. 6.2. Wt. 12.0. L. App.— 5 and 1 sub. G.— 1.

DENIS SMITH: Central defender signed professional in September, 1966. Born Stoke. Ht. 6.0. Wt. 12.4. L. App.— 299 and 1 sub. G.— 2.

STEVEN WADDINGTON: Winger or midfielder and son of former manager Tony Waddington. Signed professional in June, 1973. Born Crewe. Ht. 5.6. Wt. 9.6. L. App.— 30 and 1 sub. G.— 2.

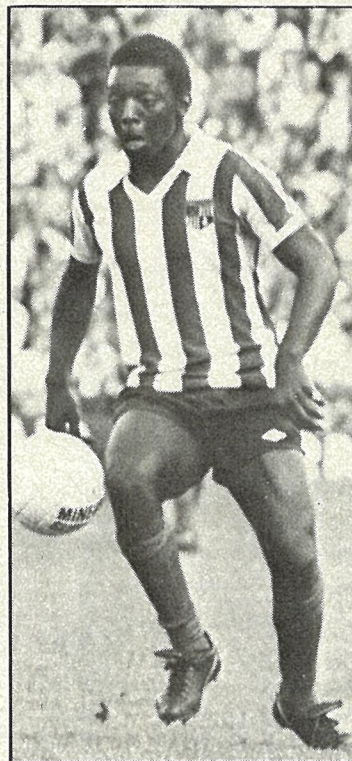
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116 yards by 75 yards.

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NICKNAME:
'Potters'.

COLOURS:
Red and white vertical striped shirts with white neckband and cuffs. White shorts with black and red stripe down seam. White stockings.



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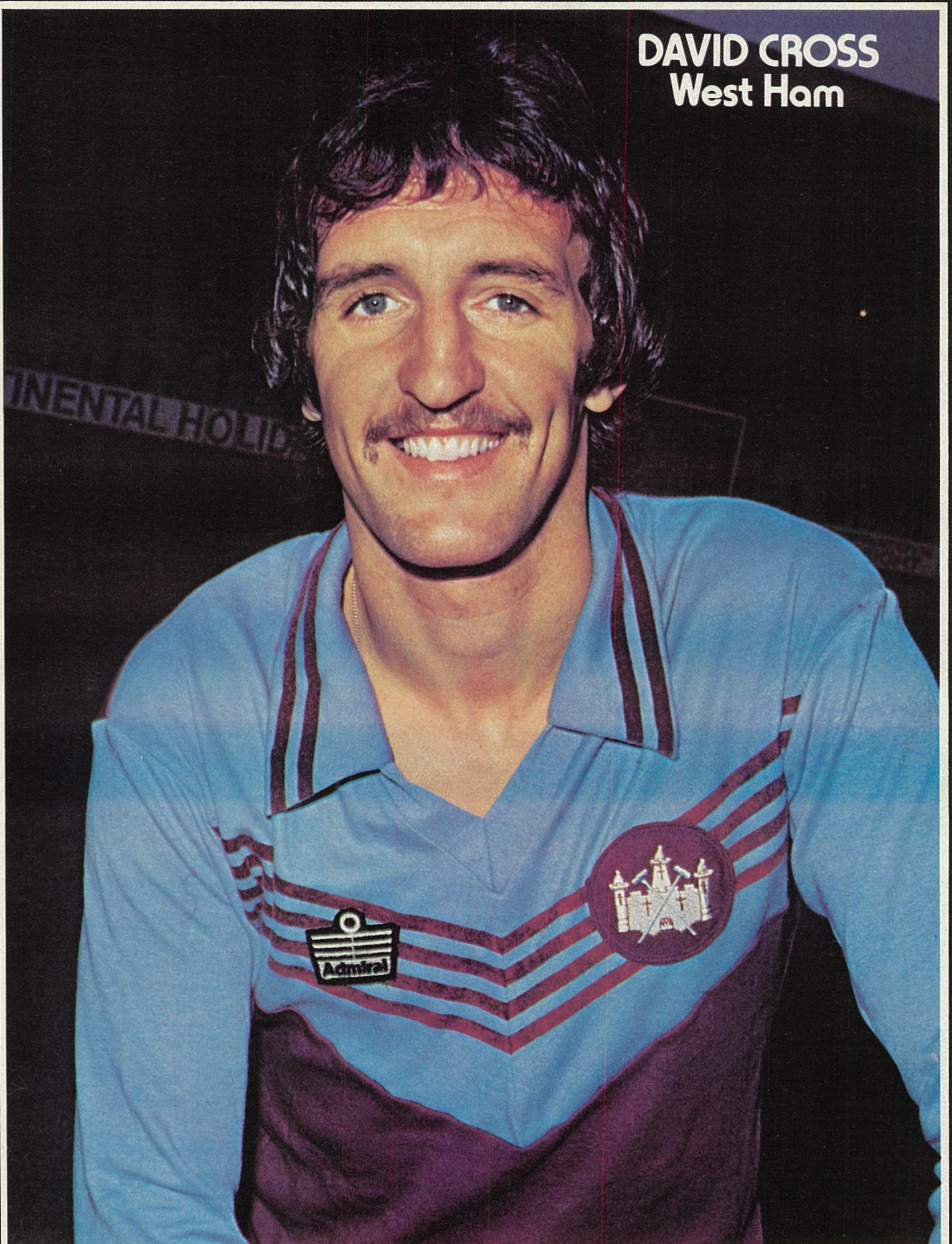
BACK ROW (left to right): Terry Conroy, Paul Richardson, Alan Dodd, Danny Bowers, Roger Jones, Alec Lindsay, Alan Bloor, Viv Busby, Geoff Scott.
FRONT ROW: Garth Crooks, David Gregory, Howard Kendall, Denis Smith, Jeff Cook, Des Backos.
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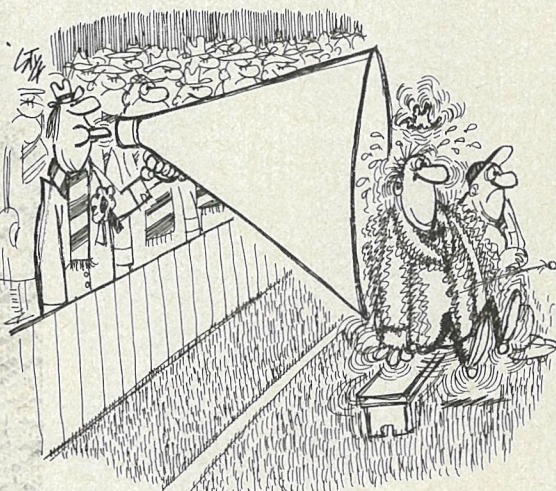
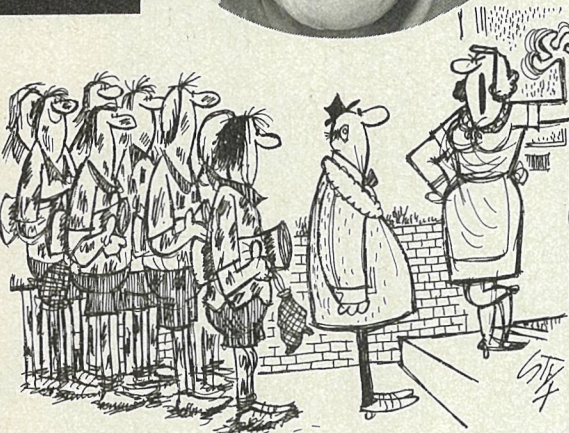


This week Walsall striker ALAN BUCKLEY selects the jokes specially drawn by our cartoonist Styx.

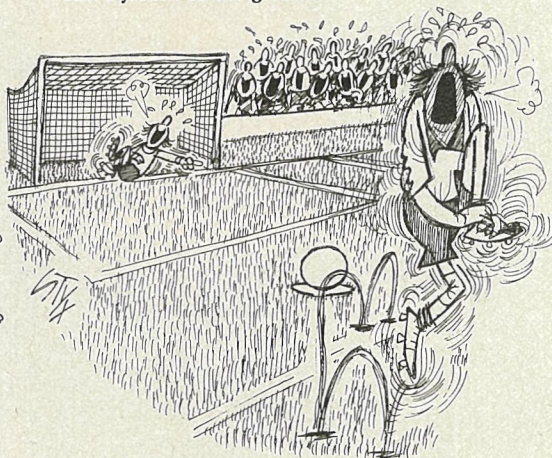


"Now — one at a time — I want you forwards to dribble the ball up to this line — and see if you can score."

"I'm fed up with you being a Fourth Division manager — always bringing them home for a bath"



"Oh, crumbs — what a penalty — the ball's frozen to the ground"



"Two posts — a crossbar and net four letters — begins with G. Now let me see —"

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THAT WAS A STUPID GOAL TO GIVE AWAY



WHY DIDN'T YOU PICK UP THEIR NUMBER SEVEN?



I DIDN'T KNOW HE'D FALLEN OVER, SKIPPER



I WONDER IF I'D GET SENT-OFF FOR KICKING ONE OF MY OWN PLAYERS?



'BE POSITIVE'— the advice that transformed



LAURIE Cunningham, the talented West Bromwich striker, set a soccer precedent by becoming the first black player to wear an England shirt at senior level in an Under-21 game against Scotland — and the Albion forward could gain further mention in the record books in future by winning a full international cap.

In his club's promising start to the season, Laurie has emerged as a fast, strong, ball-playing striker who can make goals as well as score them. And he believes it was a request he made for a change of position which brought about a major change in his career.

Cunningham explains: "I was a winger with my previous club, Orient — but I never really felt happy and asked for a move into the middle. And after my switch of position we won five games in succession, which seemed to me I had proved my point."

Moving from Second Division Orient to First Division West Bromwich for a fee of £110,000 last March, Laurie has soon made a name for himself in the Midlands. But he is quick to point out his link-up with 19-year-old Cyrille Regis has contributed to his own success as well as Albion's.

Like Cunningham, Cyrille is black, and the pair form a deadly double spearhead which has already this season upset opposing defences and brought goals to the two West Bromwich forwards.

And Laurie says: "Our understanding just came about

'The Black Flash'

naturally — we didn't have to work at it, and don't plan any particular moves in mid-week training. We each instinctively know where the other will be when he is needed."

About his role of scoring goals, Cunningham is completely realistic. Early in September West Bromwich played Newcastle United away, and Laurie received a tremendous ovation from the knowledgeable Tyneside fans — he had scored a first-half goal then left the field injured soon after the interval.

And he summed it up: "Crowds love a goalscorer. This is what football is all about, and the thrill of getting a goal can't be beaten. As far as I am concerned, I won't set myself any targets but just try to score as many as I can."

"But what would give me my biggest satisfaction for the club is to help West Bromwich to win major trophies in the game. Also, I would like to see more black players appearing in top-class football and becoming successful. And from a personal point of view nothing would please me more than winning a full England cap."

"At West Bromwich we are a well-equipped side with a solid defence and a brilliant captain in John Wile. We have faint hopes of winning the League, but I'm hoping we can stay consistent and at least earn the right to play in Europe next season."

Cunningham received good advice from the man who bought him — Ronnie Allen, who was a top goalscorer in his own right and one of Albion's outstanding players in the late 1940's and 50's. Ronnie Allen left in January to take over a highly-paid job with Saudi Arabia.

Cunningham says: "Mr. Allen told me to be positive in whatever moves I make on the field, and I appreciate this. Being positive, and taking on responsibility are things I believe in doing — it was because I wanted more responsibility at Orient I asked to be switched into the middle."

Since blossoming as a striker, Laurie has been nicknamed the Second Pele and the Black Flash, and his eye-catching style has made him an outstanding figure on First Division grounds this season.

And with a bright future ahead, Cunningham confesses to the only disappointment the game brings him: "I hate being injured and missing matches through it."



IT would come as no surprise to First Division strikers that Ipswich Town's strongman defender Kevin Beattie made a super-quick return after his cartilage operation.

The many top forwards who agree 24-year-old Kevin is among the best in the world know all about his tremendous powers of recovery.

Even Kevin himself was startled at being fit for first team football only 25 days after being on the operating table at an Ipswich hospital.

He says: "Don't think I was trying to get my name in the Guinness Book of Records! I was ready

— I went inside and never saw one of them but I could tell what was happening from the roar of the crowd."

Kevin saw a specialist on his return to England who ordered him to rest yet again and so Ipswich boss Bobby Robson had to rule his star defender out of the tough holiday programme.

Does he feel that rushing back so quickly was a big mistake? "Not really," says Kevin, "because as far as I was concerned at the time I was fit."

"Looking back, the specialists reckon I didn't give it long enough. But if they'd seen me doing my

KEVIN'S TARGET— ENGLAND'S NUMBER SIX SHIRT

to return or I wouldn't have done so.

"I had come through two reserve games okay and was really keen to get back. I'm a bad spectator, especially when my own team are playing, and I was fed up sitting in the stand."

Kevin's comeback came in the home leg of the U.E.F.A. Cup-tie against Barcelona which Ipswich won 3-0 thanks to goals by Eric Gates, Trevor Whymark and Brian Talbot.

"It felt okay until about ten minutes from the end and then it started to feel really stiff," he recalls. "Before that I had been able to run, jump and tackle as well as ever."

The knee was very swollen after that match and Kevin was ordered to rest. It looked as if he would be fit for the second-leg in Spain when he came through a gruelling training session at Portman Road the day before the Ipswich party set off.

"I trained on the Sunday and was included in the squad for Barcelona the next day. Our first session over there was on the Tuesday morning and I felt my knee give way during shooting practice."

"I was ruled out of the game and it was agony having to sit and watch the lads eliminated from the U.E.F.A. Cup. It got so bad I couldn't watch the penalty decider

exercises they would have thought, as I did, that I had recovered."

Kevin wasted no time in starting his comeback bid. He was released from hospital the day before Ipswich played host to West Ham United and as Bobby Robson delivered his pre-match pep-talk Kevin was next door in the treatment room going through an exercise routine under the supervision of physiotherapist Brian Simpson.

"There was nothing special about the exercises," says Kevin. "I was the fourth player to have a cartilage operation so Brian was well used to the right type of bending movements."

"I've always been a quick healer, mind you, and I'm convinced that helped me. I pushed myself to get fit and I'm sick at the way things have gone since."

Kevin received another set-back, however, when a specialist ordered him to rest the knee.

"But I'll be back soon — that's a promise. Apart from wanting my place back in the Ipswich side I also want to show I'm the best number six in England."

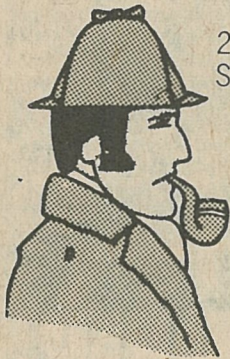
"I've missed a lot of possible caps through injury but all my internationals have been at left-back. I think I'm twice the player in the middle of the defence and I hope Mr. Greenwood agrees."

"For two years I've been named in the First Division select side in the P.F.A. Awards and nothing would give me greater pleasure to wear the number six shirt for my country."

What do you know about the police?

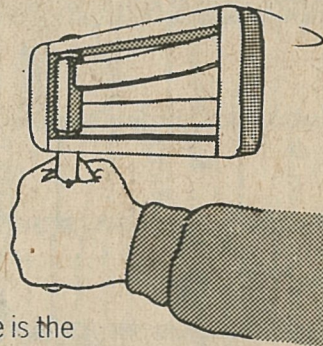


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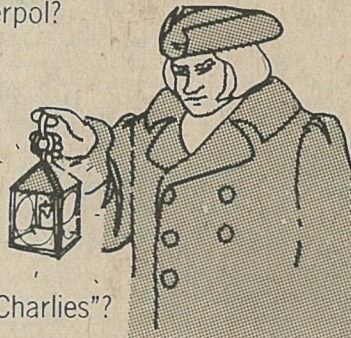


2. Can you join the Police Service as a detective?

3. Did police officers ever carry rattles?



4. Where is the British Headquarters of Interpol?



5. What were "Charlies"?

This is the tenth in a series depicting the background, present-day work and development of Britain's police force. For further information about the police write to:—
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1. With the aid of the Police National Computer, approximately 10 seconds.
2. No, all officers have to serve at least two years in the uniformed branch first.
3. The first police officers in London used rattles to raise the alarm. Later "Charlies".
4. At the Metropolitan Police Headquarters, New Scotland Yard.
5. The City of London used to pay watchmen to guard the streets at night. They became known as "Charlies".

ANSWERS

'The Reds the derby

DURING the great Manchester derby clash at Maine Road earlier this season, one over-enthusiastic United fan, out of a crowd of over 50,000, climbed on to the stand roof and tried to haul down City's flag.

It was a stupid, dangerous thing to do . . . but proves the fervour and passion the occasion stirs up.

Most big local derbies are the same. Beating the "old enemy" from across the way means so much to the supporters in a football-mad city like Manchester.

The tension and atmosphere builds up over the week before the game. Players realise just how important victory is.

Perhaps that's why so many derby tussles end in draws, or are very disappointing.

I've said in the past, playing against Manchester City is just another game to me. Maybe because I come from London where

there are so many derbies and supporters aren't quite so fanatical.

But in Manchester, Liverpool, Birmingham and Glasgow, these games mean so much more.

In these places soccer divides the city. Families have even been split because a son supports one side while his dad follows the other.

A friend told me recently that a United fan he knew tried to stop his daughter marrying a lad who held a season ticket for Maine Road. Crazy, isn't it?

Derby day returns to Manchester this Saturday (Feb. 4th) when City are the visitors to Old Trafford.

Although I don't get as emotionally involved as some other players, I still look forward to the fixture because clashes between our two clubs are usually very exciting with plenty of goals.

United have beaten City over the past two seasons at Old T, 2-0 in 1975-76 and 3-1 last term, when we

Stuart Pearson on the attack v. Man. City at Old Trafford last season. United won 3-1.



to give City blues'

New signing Joe Jordan, in action here for Leeds against United, frightens the life out of rival defenders.



petitor and professional that he hasn't allowed all the transfer talk and behind-the-scenes unrest to affect his performances on the field. He's still giving 100 per cent to the City cause.

The fact Dennis The Menace is still scoring sizzling goals, including two hat-tricks, and creating havoc among rival defences proves that.

Naturally I wish my England colleague well for the future, but at the same time feel it's a shame we could lose his talents to the Continent. There aren't that many real crowd-pullers left in this country.

Dennis isn't my only pal at Maine Road. In fact, I know most of the lads quite well, especially Peter Barnes.

I've been out with Peter several times for a quiet drink and a chat. He's a nice, level-headed lad with his feet firmly planted on the ground.

The City player who has impressed me most this season, though, is their huge goalkeeper Joe Corrigan. He really has come on a ton.

We made our England debuts together against Italy in the States in the summer of '76 and have remained mates ever since.

Despite his enormous frame, Joe's agility is amazing. I'd say he has now emerged as a 'keeper of world class.

Gentle Giant

But he didn't earn that rating by accident. Sheer dedication and hard work enabled this gentle giant to become a serious rival to Ray Clemence and Peter Shilton for the England number one spot.

Joe will be the first to tell you he couldn't have made it without the help of manager Tony Book and chief coach Bill Taylor, who is also one of Ron Greenwood's right-hand men.

Bill told me on our last England get-together Joe is so determined to stay at the top he volunteers for extra training ... even on the mornings of match days.

Joe was in superb form against United last September.

But former Old T star Brian Kidd was the real derby dazzler that afternoon, with two goals. Mike Channon hit their third before Jimmy Nicholl scored a consolation for United.

I'm told Kiddo has now joined the elite ranks of the few players to have scored for both clubs over the past 95 League meetings.

No more derby Blues for us Reds this Saturday ... I hope. City and the Wurzel Basher may be good enough to get among the honours this season, but not to take two points away from Old Trafford.

See you next week ...

my soccer scene
**GORDON
HILL**

also won 3-1 at Maine Road.

City stopped a United foursome with that 3-1 home victory back in September, when Mike Channon made his Manchester derby debut.

"Wurzel Basher" that's my pet name for Mike because of his country boy accent, all "Ooos and Arrs" — said before the game he couldn't help but be affected by the whole scene.

He'd never experienced anything quite like it before. The nearest thing Mike had come to a local derby with Southampton was playing against Portsmouth and

Brighton.

This weekend it's the turn of a new United player to sample his first tussle against "that lot from over the way".

Leeds United, Joe Jordan's former club, haven't really got a big city rival. I suppose the nearest they come to a derby match is when they play against Sheffield United.

What a valuable asset the big feller will be for United. It's no secret we've lacked height up-front.

Someone pointed out Joe only scored just over 40 goals for Leeds in around 200 League matches. That may be so, but there's so much more to Joe than his goalscoring ability.

This man frightens the life out of defenders. He puts himself about where it hurts most, in the penalty-area, creating space and making chances for others.

For me Joe is the ideal target man, with bags of heart, talent, deter-

mination and dedication.

Anyhow, I'll be doing my best to improve his goal tally this season. I hope to put over so many crosses he'll get sick and tired of heading the ball.

Big Joe is one man City must obviously watch out for on Saturday as they attempt to maintain their title challenge with a double League win over us.

They've certainly hit tremendous form recently ... since the return to first team action of Colin Bell.

What courage this lad has. After two long years of hard slog and doubts as to whether he would regain full fitness, Bellie is ringing for City again.

By a strange twist of fate I was at the match in which Colin received his injury.

It was the day I had signed for United in November, 1975. I sat with Tommy Docherty in the stand and watched City beat my new team-mates 4-0 in a League Cup-tie.

Inspiration

Everyone connected with the game is glad Colin is back. What an inspiration he has been to other players with bad injuries. I just hope he manages to stay clear of further trouble for the remaining years of his career.

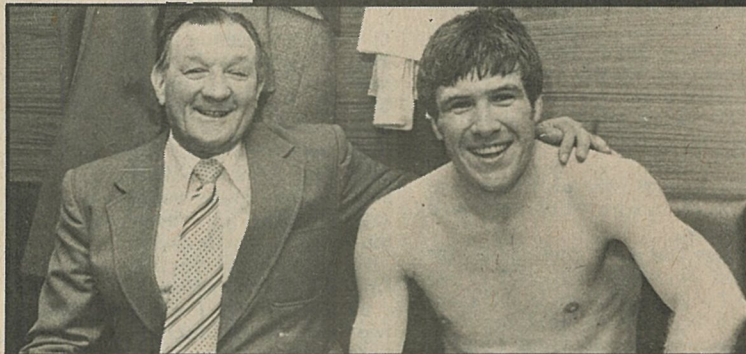
Another City star, Dennis Tueart, has said publicly he doesn't want to stay at Maine Road for much longer. Even success for the club this season won't make him change his mind.

He turned down the chance to join Manchester United because he sees his future on the Continent. I believe he's been keen to move to Europe ever since his great friend Kevin Keegan signed for Hamburger SV.

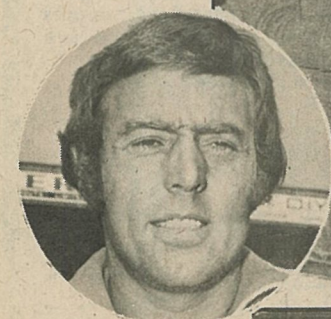
But Dennis is such a great com-

EMLYN HUGHES, WHO WAS ONCE DESCRIBED BY HIS FORMER MANAGER AS 'THE BEST BACK-FOUR MAN IN THE COUNTRY'

A proud moment for the Liverpool skipper (below) as he holds aloft the European Cup after their 3-1 win against Borussia Mönchengladbach last season. Hughes began his League career with Blackpool (below, right).



Emlyn (above) with 'Pool manager Bob Paisley. Ian St. John (below) always gave Hughes some useful advice. A jubilant Emlyn (right) receives the F.A. Cup from Princess Anne after their 3-0 win against Newcastle in 1974.



WHEN Emlyn stepped on to the pitch against Coventry in a League Cup match on December 20th, it was his 600th first team appearance in a Liverpool shirt. And though it is difficult to imagine an Anfield side without his name in the line-up, Emlyn was almost set for a career in rugby.

"At school, I played rugby for Barrow Boys," explains Hughes. "But after a shattering experience when we lost 47-0 to St. Helens, I decided the game was not for me."

Which was a fortunate thing for football. Born in Barrow 29 years ago, the son of a Rugby League international Fred Hughes, Emlyn declared his allegiance for soccer by signing for Blackpool in 1964 — and spent two-and-a-half years at Bloomfield Road before joining Liverpool at 19 for £65,000 in May, 1966.

"I played left-back for Blackpool," recalls Emlyn. "My first match for them was away to Blackburn, we beat them 3-1 and they were relegated to Division Two — it was at the end of the season and they couldn't afford to lose. Bill Shankly made a bid for me after the game, but had to wait ten months before he signed me for Liverpool."

"At Blackpool I had some happy times, and also had a lot of respect for the manager, Ron Suart, and coach Eric Heywood. And the club was in the First Division during my spell there, which means so far all my football has been played at that level."

At Anfield, it wasn't long before Hughes had made his mark, establishing himself as a favourite of The Kop and becoming an England international within three years of leaving Blackpool. Later, he became club captain, picked up F.A. Cup, U.E.F.A. Cup, European Cup and League honours, and in May, 1977, was voted the Footballer of the Year by the Football Writers' Association.

And in his highly successful association with Liverpool, Emlyn has appeared in some great Anfield sides and with some of most talented men who have

pulled on the famous red jersey. Not surprisingly, he acknowledges it is no easy task to name the best Liverpool team in which he's played.

"Perhaps the side that won the European Cup was the most outstanding as a team, but in earlier teams there were possibly greater individual players."

"I remember Ian St. John, the player who was always ready to give me advice, and taught me more than any other. As a footballer, Ian was brilliant, a great thinker who told me to harness my energy and get the most out of it."

"Then there was Ron Yeats and Roger Hunt — in their day the side was built around Ron. And Roger was the most deadly finisher I've seen. At full-back, Gerry Byrne had unquenchable spirit, never knew when he was beaten — and Peter Thompson's skill on the wing was unbelievable. And, of course, Tommy Smith and Ian Callaghan are still doing their stuff for us."

From the Sixties to the Seventies, in considering the changes made in defensive tactics, Emlyn is in no doubt about the superiority of modern methods.

"Scoring goals was easier when I began my career. Today, defences are better organised and make it more difficult for forwards to find loopholes, and it's exceptional when several goals are scored in a match."

While Hughes was serving his apprenticeship as a defender, he had no greater champion than his manager, Bill Shankly. Even at the time manager Shankly signed Emlyn from Blackpool, the Liverpool boss was singing his praises.

Shankly said: "I would have played him in the England side when he first came to us. That's what I thought about Hughes. There was no limit to how far this boy could go."

And the prophecy that the knowledgeable Scot had made about his protégé was borne out to the hilt. Emlyn Hughes collected his first England cap when he played at left-back against Holland



in Amsterdam on November 5th, 1969, and the years following have been studded with success for the Liverpool skipper.

On the international scene, Hughes confesses his biggest-ever disappointment came when he was left out of the side by Don Revie, then the England manager. The previous four-and-a-half years had seen Emlyn making steady progress for England at left-back and in midfield, and in May, 1974, he was appointed captain by Joe Mercer — and he led the England team in all seven matches in which Mercer was in charge.

Says Hughes: "My proudest moment with England was when Joe Mercer made me skipper — later, after two games under Don Revie, I was dropped."

But although bitterly disappointed, Emlyn kept on playing in his normal fashion and never gave up hope. Then his 18-month international exile ended on November 8, 1976, when manager Revie named him in the 22-man squad for the crucial World Cup qualifying game against Italy in Rome.

Meanwhile, as captain of

Liverpool, Hughes had led his team through some memorable seasons and momentous matches. Selecting one occasion that stands out more than any other for The Reds is a colossal task, in view of their achievements in past seasons — but Emlyn managed to make a choice.

"Liverpool's European Cup win in Rome gave me my biggest thrill, because I thought all the lads played magnificently, and it proved we were the best side in Europe. And my outstanding disappointment happened at Wembley, on my first appearance there, when Arsenal beat us in the 1971 F.A. Cup Final.

"Yet the years at Liverpool have been full of great performances by the team, under two managers. And I would like to pay tribute to Bill Shankly, a tremendous personality and one who couldn't be beaten in his ability to motivate players.

"He had an enormous influence on my career, and the day he called me the best back-four man in the land is one I won't forget — shortly after he was slating me in a training session!

"After Bill Shankly's departure, Bob Paisley has carried on the Liverpool success story. Under his leadership we have won more honours, and looking back on my 600-odd games for Liverpool, my feeling is I couldn't have joined a better club."

Discipline

But if Liverpool has been good for Emlyn Hughes, he in his turn has done much for The Reds. With his never-say-die attitude, skill and discipline as a captain he sets a fine pattern for the team to follow.

He says: "I prefer to lead a side by example rather than a lot of talk. And apart from the playing success, there's a wonderful family spirit here, with a great bunch of lads."

Away from The Kop, Emlyn's friendly approach to people, and his honesty in expressing his opinions has brought him universal respect and acclaim. And in 1969, in his bachelor days, he was voted the most attractive footballer in Britain by 36,589 girls.

In those days, Emlyn was in "digs," and he had a great fan in his landlady, grandmother Mrs. Minnie Firth — she described him as a "smashing lad with a prodigious appetite who still stays lean."

Today the Liverpool skipper is married, and lives in Formby with his wife, Barbara, and two young children Emma and Emlyn. And he is prepared to go on playing football as long as he can.

"Even when I'm past playing for Liverpool, I will want to be turning out for some time. Meanwhile, the club and myself will still be going all out to win things. And on the international scene, England proved in their November match against Italy that we can hold our own — there is definitely hope for the future."

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Hot-shot Cliff

Can you tell me anything of the career record of former Watford striker Cliff Holton?

ANDY MORGAN,
NORTHWOOD

● Goal-grabber Holton — whose fierce shot on the run had about the power of Peter Lorimer today — moved around so much it grew a little hard to keep tabs on him, Andy.

After playing for amateurs Oxford City (as a full-back) he signed pro. forms for Arsenal, who converted him into a centre-forward, in 1947.

He made his League debut at Stoke on Boxing Day, 1950 — and, by the time he joined Watford in October, 1958, he'd picked up a League Championship medal and an F.A. Cup runners-up medal.

Before moving on to Northampton in September, 1961, Holton had established a still-existing Watford seasonal record of 42 League goals in 1959-60.

At Northampton, his 36 League goals in 1961-62 is still also their own club record.

After that, Holton went to Crystal Palace, Charlton, and back to Watford before finishing his career with Orient in 1968.

All told, he scored 294 goals in 565 League games for his six clubs.

North-East treble

Alan Foggon, transferred in June to Southend, has played for all three big North-East clubs — Newcastle, Middlesbrough, and Sunderland. Is his case unique?

MICHAEL BANKS,
WHITLEY BAY

● Well, Michael, offhand I can only think of one who has been really prominent at all three.

He's Stan Anderson — star wing-half of the 1960's — and, what's more, he CAPTAINED all three clubs and, later, MANAGED Middlesbrough as well.

Spurs record

As a keen Tottenham supporter, I'd like to know if this season's 9-0 win over Bristol Rovers is their best-ever?

IAN STILLWELL,
WOKING

● No, not quite, Ian. Spurs did better in beating Crewe Alexandra 13-2 in a home F.A. Cup Fourth Round replay on 3rd February, 1960.

Third F.A. Cup

I know there have been three separate trophies for the F.A. Cup, but can you tell me which club was the first to win each one?

CHEONG WAI PENG,
SINGAPORE

● The original, Cheong, was first won in 1872 by Wanderers, who beat Royal Engineers 1-0 in the Final.

This trophy was stolen from a Birmingham shop-window display in 1895,

and its successor next year — an exact replica of the original — was first won by Sheffield Wednesday, who beat Wolves 2-1.

In turn, this was presented to Lord Kinnaird in 1910 to mark his just having completed 21 years as President of the Football Association.

The third and present trophy, of a different design, was first won in the 1911 Final by Bradford City, who beat Newcastle 1-0 in a replay after a 1-1 draw.

Postponed 15 times!

Which match has been postponed the most times?

PAUL FLYNN,
Co. ARMAGH

● I honestly haven't a clue for sure, Paul — but I can quote you one which must take a fair bit of beating.

It happened during the very harsh "Ice Age" season of 1962-63 — when the Third Round of the F.A. Cup, due to be played on 5th January, wasn't eventually completed until 11th March.

Topping the individual list of 261 postponements in that Round was the tie between Lincoln and Coventry.

That was postponed 15 times — but running it close was that between Bir-

mingham and Bury with 14 postponements, plus one abandonment.

A dozen more of the 32 Third Round ties were also postponed at least ten times.

MacDougall

Is it true Southampton's Ted MacDougall once scored nine goals in an F.A. Cup-tie?

GRAHAM BEESLEY,
POOLE

● Quite true, Graham — though not for Southampton.

It was for Bournemouth against non-League Margate in the First Round on 20th November, 1971.

Bournemouth won 11-0, and Ted's own blockbusting individual contribution is a record for the competition.

SHORT PASSES

● Hartlepool were founded in 1908, and were elected to the Football League in 1921.

(JAMES THOMAS, Bishops Cleeve)

● Of Liverpool's 1965 F.A. Cup-winning team, only Ian Callaghan and Tommy Smith are still on the club's playing-staff.

(NEIL SHORT, Co. Durham)

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Nottingham Forest manager Brian Clough is a shy man these days. Gone are the times when Cloughie was on T.V. regularly and rarely seen without a reporter by his side. As he's taken Forest to the top of Division One, the 41-year-old former England international has been very reluctant to give more than a non-committal after-match summary for the Press. A SHOOT correspondent in Holland had more luck when he phoned the Forest boss to do an interview for his paper in the Netherlands.

You've been with Forest two years now...

No, I'm in my third year...

...I see. Anyway, you certainly seem to have worked a miracle in Nottingham. How have you done this?

We built up a team of players who fit together very well, but it wasn't easy. You did it at Hartlepool and Derby. Is there a secret?

No, there's no secret. You just have to buy good players.

Okay, but to get good players you need money and as far as I know Forest aren't the richest club in England.

We did it by increasing the attendances. When we took over the club averaged 12,000. Now it's over 30,000 and during the holiday period our gates were more than 40,000. I understand you had to play four games in eight days. Isn't that a bit hard?



It's hard and ridiculous. I'd like this to be changed in the future.

How confident are you of being Champions?

I've learnt to take nothing for granted in soccer, although we must have a great chance.

You seem to become a Champion with all of your teams.

It's a question of ability. (Silence).

... But if other managers fail, then does this mean they lack ability?

Look. You're talking to me now and I'm giving you MY opinion. If you want to know the ability of other managers I suggest you talk to them. Another subject. How do you rate English soccer compared with that in Europe?

(Firmly). We play the best football in the world. We have 22 clubs in the highest Division anywhere. It's a hard League to play in.

I don't see many of your clubs in the European Cups.

What about Liverpool? They're European Champions. Manchester United have won the European Cup, too, not forgetting Celtic. With Derby we reached the Semi-Finals but were beaten by Juventus. You must recall these achievements, surely?

Well... yes.

You mustn't look at the top three or four clubs in each country. The average mid-table team in England would beat similar sides from Holland or West Germany. In your country there is a lot of difference between the top clubs. Not here, that's why a club like Nottingham Forest

can become Champions. Every result is possible in England.

Aren't you afraid the standard will drop as more British stars go abroad?

Because of our high taxes players want to sign for foreign clubs. Let them. If they want to go we should not stop them. We don't need them as we have enough talent to survive. As long as I don't have to... (Silence). In fact, we had an offer from Greece. Barcelona were also interested. They were hard decisions, but I'm happy we didn't go.

What if a top European side offered you a huge salary now?

I prefer to stay here.

You keep saying "we". You must mean Peter Taylor and yourself.

How are your tasks divided?

I've worked with Peter for 17 years. We don't have divided duties. We do most things together. It works well and I don't see why it should ever end. I hope you have enough information now... I must go to training...

Two small questions. What do you think of the national team and what about your own future?

(Laughing). Well, they're not small questions! They're the most important you could have asked. In a nutshell,

I'm now working part-time with the England Youth side. I've always wanted to be national manager and I'm very happy that Peter and I are at last helping England in some way. I'm looking forward to working with Ron Greenwood. England will be back at the top soon, believe me!

CLOUGHIE SPEAKS OUT...

Brian Clough signed Kenny Burns (above) from Birmingham City in the summer. After a shaky start with Forest, Kenny is now in tremendous form. Brian and Peter Taylor have worked together for 17 years.



F.A. Cup 6th Round Scottish Cup 5th Round

F.A. Cup Semi-Finals Scottish Cup Semi-Finals

MATCH DETAILS

Referee	Linesmen
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TEAMS

Score at half-time
Score at full-time
Score after extra-time (if played)
Goalscorers

REPLAY (if played)

Score at half-time
Score at full-time
Score after extra-time (if played)
Goalscorers

Scottish Cup Finals

1947 Aberdeen v. Hibernian 2-1	1962 Rangers v. St. Mirren 2-0
1948 Rangers v. Morton (1-1) 1-0	1963 Rangers v. Celtic (1-1) 3-0
1949 Rangers v. Clyde 4-1	1964 Rangers v. Dundee 3-1
1950 Rangers v. East Fife 3-0	1965 Celtic v. Dunfermline 3-2
1951 Celtic v. Motherwell 1-0	1966 Rangers v. Celtic (0-0) 1-0
1952 Motherwell v. Dundee 4-0	1967 Celtic v. Aberdeen 2-0
1953 Rangers v. Aberdeen (1-1) 1-0	1968 Dunfermline v. Hearts 3-1
1954 Celtic v. Aberdeen 2-1	1969 Celtic v. Rangers 4-0
1955 Clyde v. Celtic (1-1) 1-0	1970 Aberdeen v. Celtic 3-1
1956 Hearts v. Celtic 3-1	1971 Celtic v. Rangers (1-1) 2-1
1957 Falkirk v. Kilmarnock (1-1) 2-1	1972 Celtic v. Hibernian 6-1
1958 Clyde v. Hibernian 1-0	1973 Rangers v. Celtic 3-2
1959 St. Mirren v. Aberdeen 3-1	1974 Celtic v. Dundee Utd. 3-0
1960 Rangers v. Kilmarnock 2-0	1975 Celtic v. Airdrie 3-1
1961 Dunfermline v. Celtic (0-0) 2-0	1976 Rangers v. Hearts 3-1
	1977 Celtic v. Rangers 1-0

(Scores in brackets first game)



The 1953 F.A. Cup Final will always be known as the 'Stanley Matthews' Final' as the great winger finally won an F.A. Cup winner's medal when Blackpool beat Bolton 4-3. Here Blackpool's Stanley Mortensen scores one of his three goals.



Tottenham in 1961 became the first English team this century to win the double. The happy Spurs players run around Wembley with the trophy after beating Leicester City 2-0.



Aberdeen will be hoping to repeat their 1970 performance this season. Then they beat Celtic 3-1 in the Final. Here Aberdeen 'keeper Bobby Clark is under pressure from Celtic's Willie Wallace.

The moment of triumph for Manchester United's Jimmy Greenhoff as he scores the winning goal against Liverpool in the 1977 Final.



Celtic's Johannes Edvaldsson gets the better of a heading duel with Rangers Derek Johnstone in last season's Scottish Cup Final. Celtic won with a penalty goal by Andy Lynch.





The last photograph of the Manchester United team as they line-up before their European Cup match against Red Star in Belgrade. A day later came the air crash that shocked the world.

THE BLACKEST DAY in the history of THE MANCHESTER REDS!

TWENTY years ago, England star Nat Lofthouse was as popular as any player around.

Yet on 3rd May, 1958, outside his native Bolton he almost became the most hated man in the land!

The reason being he scored the two goals that beat Manchester United to the spoils of the F.A. Cup.

The crowd, the whole nation, were willing United to victory, and the temporarily "hated" Lofthouse was only doing his usual brilliant job — though, as he admitted afterwards, "I'd rather it had been against any other team that day."

Earlier in the afternoon manager Matt Busby, ashen-faced and with the aid of crutches, had haltingly led out a strangely unfamiliar-looking United side in the most emotion-charged entrance ever made on to that historic Wembley turf. In a huge wave of sympathetic support, everyone was behind him.

Earlier still, at a quarter-past-two on the afternoon of 6th February, the flower of British football had been cruelly decimated in a few sickening seconds of appalling tragedy.

The setting was the picturesque Bavarian city of Munich — unhappily notorious, before, for the rise of Hitler; and, later, for the



massacre of Israeli athletes at the Olympic Games.

But there was nothing picturesque about the grim end of that snow-covered runway — strewn with the tangled wreckage of Elizabethan aircraft G-ALZU which had been chartered to bring United's team home from a triumphant European Cup-tie in Belgrade.

Of the 44 people in that stricken plane, 21 perished on the spot, and two more — including England's superstar-to-be, 21-year-old Duncan Edwards — died soon after in hospital.

A survivor was Bobby Charlton, seen here talking to one of the hospital staff. Bobby received slight head injuries in the crash.

Eight of the League Champions' first team squad lost their lives, and another two never played again. Also killed were three United officials; eight sportswriters, including that great ex-England goalkeeper Frank Swift; two members of the flight crew; and two other passengers.

Amongst the survivors was a young near-unknown starlet who was thrown clean out of the plane,

still firmly strapped into his seat.

Dazed and badly shaken, he happily suffered no physical damage beyond the reach of medical care, and was destined to become a top-star known and admired the world over.

His name was Bobby Charlton. Not so fortunate was his boss, Matt Busby — "father" and guide of his famous "Busby Babes" — was himself for many days in a critical condition in an oxygen-tent.

Even the superb medical team at Munich's Rechts der Isar Hospital could offer little hope of survival — though clearly they hadn't yet come to know their patient's courage and will-power.

But however great the tragedy, however deep the mourning, the show must go on, and games couldn't be postponed indefinitely.

By an incredible stroke of personal fortune, assistant-manager Jimmy Murphy — who doubled-up as Wales's national team manager — had been obliged to miss the fatal Belgrade trip because of a World Cup qualifier against Israel on the same day.

So it fell to Murphy sadly to try and pick up the pieces — and just 13 days later United were faced with a postponed Fifth Round F.A.



Above . . . Manchester United despite the shock of the tragedy, reached the 1958 Wembley F.A. Cup Final. But Bolton beat them 2-0 at a passion-filled Wembley.

Right . . . Nat Lofthouse, the Bolton and England centre-forward, scores his team's first goal in the 1958 Final.

Below . . . Sir Matt Busby (left) lays a wreath at Old Trafford alongside the plaque that commemorates the Munich air disaster.



Cup-tie against Sheffield Wednesday.

For which Old Trafford was obliged to produce its strangest-ever match-programme — with eleven blank spaces where the United line-up should have been printed.

The reason being it took until less than an hour from kick-off time before Murphy was able to pencil-in the last name.

It's now history that — with just two crash survivors in Harry Gregg and Bill Foulkes; two new players hastily signed with special F.A. approval; and an assortment of reserves and juniors — an emotional 60,000 crowd roared on stricken United to an astonishing 3-0 victory . . . and then beat West Bromwich and Fulham to earn the right to walk out with Bolton at Wembley just 86 days after the disaster.

In the League, though, the week-by-week pressure took its toll, and inevitably United finished eight places off retaining the League title they'd so brilliantly won in each of the two previous seasons.

And, despite bravely beating the Italians at home, the patched-up team went out to AC Milan in the Semi-Finals of the European Cup.

It was in that selfsame European Cup, though, that Munich's most distinguished survivors — the already world-famous Matt Busby, and the still inexperienced Bobby Charlton and Bill Foulkes — were destined to hit their peak together ten years later.

For it was around the immensely talented youngster the wily old Manchester maestro rebuilt his shattered side to become the first English team to take Europe's top club trophy.

Bobby played in 106 full internationals for England before he hung up his boots. And Sir Matt continued to pick up the managerial honours — but this, above all, was their big joint-day.

The close bond between them, from Munich disaster to Wembley triumph, was complete.

Highly-respected

Now "upstairs" in the boardroom, Sir Matt is still a highly-respected figure at Old Trafford; his shrewd know-how still eagerly sought by — and freely given to — football friends throughout the land.

Charlton — after a club-record 606 League games, and a club-record 198 League goals — left United to try his hand at management. But he left his luck, with his heart, at Old Trafford, and soon quit disillusioned.

Most of the other Munich survivors have long since departed the soccer scene, though Harry Gregg — a modest, but very real, hero of the rescue operations — has been in command of several managers' offices.

And two more names remain on the United honours list. No one has scored more League goals for the club in a single season than the 32 of Dennis Viollet in 1959-60; while Bill Foulkes's 563 League games was itself a record before fellow-survivor Charlton bettered it.



THOSE WHO DIED

UNITED PARTY

Walter Crickmer (secretary)
Tom Curry (trainer)
Bert Whalley (coach)
Roger Byrne (left-back)
Geoff Bent (left-back)
Eddie Colman (right-half)
Mark Jones (centre-half)
Duncan Edwards (left-half)
David Pegg (outside-left)
Tommy Taylor (centre-forward)
Liam Whelan (inside-right)

SPORTSWRITERS

Alf Clarke (Manchester Evening Chronicle)
Don Davies (Manchester Guardian)
George Follows (Daily Herald)
Tom Jackson (Manchester Evening News)
Archie Ledbrooke (Daily Mirror)
Henry Rose (Daily Express)
Frank Swift (News of the World)
Eric Thompson (Daily Mail)

CREW

Capt. K. G. Rayment (Co-pilot)
W. T. Cable (Steward)

OTHERS

B. P. Miklos (Travel agent)
Willie Satinoff (United supporter)

THE SURVIVORS

UNITED PARTY

Matt Busby (manager)
Johnny Berry (outside-right)
Jackie Blanchflower (centre-half)
Bobby Charlton (inside-left)
Bill Foulkes (right-back)
Harry Gregg (goalkeeper)
Ken Morgans (outside-right)
Albert Scanlon (outside-left)
Dennis Viollet (inside-left)
Ray Wood (goalkeeper)

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Frank Taylor (News Chronicle sportswriter)

CREW

Capt. James Thain (Aircraft commander)
George Rodgers (Radio officer)
Margaret Bellis (Stewardess)
Rosemary Cheverton (Stewardess)

OTHERS

Mrs. Vera Lukic and baby
Mrs. B. P. Miklos
Mr. N. Tomasevic

'How my injury could help me'

AS I sit here with my left leg in plaster, I hope 1978 can only get better! 1977 was disappointing for a series of niggling injuries, but '78 has started even worse.

I tore the ligaments in my left knee against Everton on January 14th in a harmless-looking tackle. It was a complete accident — my foot seemed to stick in the ground and as I fell I twisted.

I now have stitches in the ankle, which caught an Everton boot (again I must stress it was one of those things) and the rest of the leg in plaster.

If all goes well, I'll be out of the plaster by the end of this month and if there's no reaction I'll begin light training, although I can't really look too far ahead.

I'm hoping some good will come out of all this. The lay-off will give one or two other injuries the chance to clear up. I still sleep with a board under my bed because of back trouble, so I'm keeping my fingers crossed that when I return I'll be sharper than ever.

My big worry is any setback could upset my World Cup hopes. If I can play again by March, I'll be able to get a dozen or so games in before Ally MacLeod finalises his 22 for Argentina.

I desperately want to be in the squad and I first hope things don't go against me and I run out of time.

I was delighted when a Press friend of mine told me about a story that came over from Argentina.

Mr. MacLeod was being interviewed by the Argentinian Press and apparently said: "Most of the players who were here last summer will be in my squad for the World Cup. There's also a lad called Andy Gray who you won't know..."

I shan't pack any bags until my name is definitely in the squad, but if that story is true then it gives me a big boost.

I'd been doing reasonably well until my injury, scoring fairly regularly. For the records, my total in all competitions was 17 goals.

If I can get around a dozen games under my belt before the end of the season, I hope I can be fresh and ready rather than, perhaps, a little jaded after the rigours of the hard English season.

My injury forced me to miss a Scotland Under-21 game where — again according to the Press — I may have been given a run-out to bring me back to international football now my suspension is over.

People say Joe Jordan and I can't play together, but I want to show we can.

I think Joe will become an even

**ANDY
GRAY**
writes for you

better player now he's with Manchester United. It's early days yet and I don't know exactly how The Reds will operate up-front, but if they continue to use two wingers then Joe will receive the sort of service every centre-forward likes.

Joe took stick after his transfer when his goal record was dug up. On paper, this may not be over-impressive and Joe is the first to admit he could do better.

In my book, Joe Jordan would be an asset to ANY team because he is a constant menace and lays on many chances for others.

United's form this season has been rather like Villa's — stuttering... a good result followed by an unexpected setback. If The Reds can find some consistency then Joe will settle in quickly to show his value.

The best news I've had this year was the World Cup draw. Just in case anyone needed reminding, Scotland were paired with Holland, Peru and Iran.

As Ally MacLeod said — even his son couldn't have done better! I'm



not being brash or over-confident and I'm sure the manager will make sure his players avoid this... but at the same time if we don't qualify for the later stages then we shan't deserve to. We'll have no one but ourselves to blame.

Everyone knows about the class of the Dutch team. With or without Johan Cruyff, Holland are still a formidable team. On paper, Holland and Scotland should go through, although I'm sure we'll remember the lesson learnt in 1974.

Then Scotland failed on goal-difference because they only beat Zaire 2-0. Instead of hammering

"Scotland should have hammered home their superiority against Zaire in West Germany."

home their advantage, Scotland became a little complacent and this proved fatal.

I know little about Peru and Iran. I remember Peru from Mexico, 1970, when they were one of the most attractive teams with their attacking formation.

That was eight years ago, though, and from what I have read Peru have gone backwards while in the same period Scotland have advanced leaps and bounds.



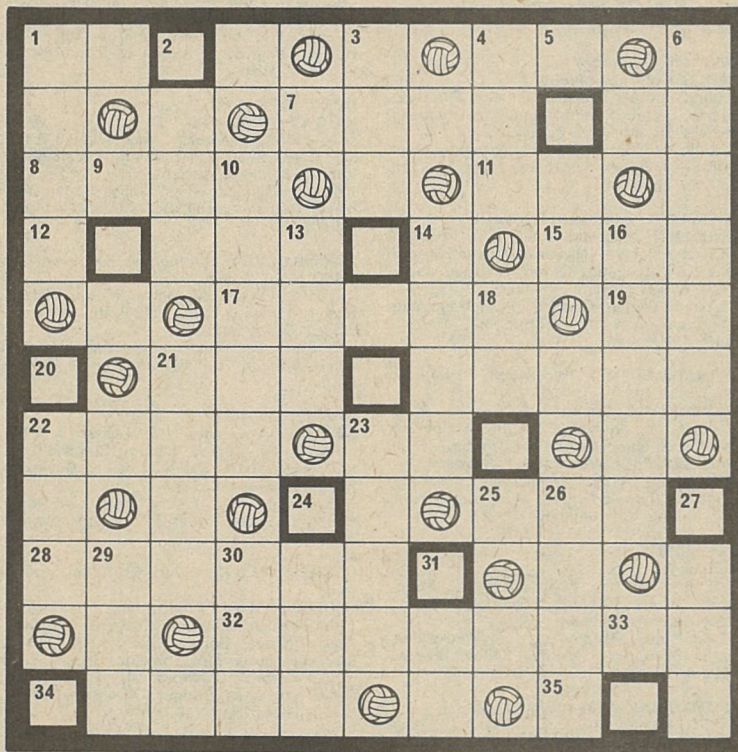
RIGHT... "Leaving the field against Everton."

BELOW... "Joe Jordan would be an asset to any team."



Go for the Double

After solving the clues in this specially compiled crossword, you can use the letters in the thick-edged squares to form the name of an Everton striker.
Answers on page 38.



ACROSS:

- (1) Select — the players for a match, for example.
- (4) Jimmy C---e of Liverpool.
- (7) — City. Scottish Second Division club from Glee Park.
- (8) Scunthorpe United play at Old — Ground.
- (11) The --ffees. Everton's nickname.
- (12) Having reference to current events.
- (15) Mel ---s, of Wolverhampton Wanderers.
- (17) V---oria Gro--d, Hartlepool United. Garment from the missing letters.
- (19) Barry Da---es of Spurs.
- (21) — United. Second Division club from Bramall Lane.
- (22) Mick --mb-r- (Ipswich). Overdue from the omissions.
- (23) Dave C--men- of Queens Park Rangers.
- (24) Viv -usb- of Stoke City.
- (25) --y K-nned- (Liverpool). Reverse the missing letters.
- (28) World Cup winners, 1966.
- (32) Not guilty . . . of an infringement, perhaps.
- (34) — United from Elland Road.
- (35) --k-r Park, home of Sunderland.

DOWN:

- (1) The ball might rebound from it into play again.
- (2) Mick —, Coventry City defender.
- (3) Leeds United midfielder signed from Burnley this season.
- (4) Cr-ven -ot-age, home of Fulham.
- (5) Middl---br-ug-. Footwear made from the missing letters.
- (6) Purpose or design (or . . . mean).
- (9) Bobby ---e of Sheffield Wednesday.
- (10) Peter —, Nottingham Forest striker.
- (13) Alan --rbishl-y of West Ham.
- (14) Take four letters from Gayfield Park (Arbroath) for "existence".
- (16) Aston —, from Birmingham.
- (18) The following of Leicester for instance!
- (20) Cardiff City are nicknamed The ---birds.
- (21) Mansfield Town are known as The ---s.
- (24) Prohibits (perhaps from playing because of bad conduct!).
- (26) Take four letters from Kevin Reeves (Norwich) for eternity.
- (27) Value or assess. (The worth of a player, for instance.)
- (29) David ---dham of Nottingham Forest.
- (30) Shie-f-el- Park (Berwick Rangers).
- (31) — Masson, midfielder for Derby County.
- (33) --ts County from Meadow Lane.

Iran have obviously had a lot of money ploughed into their football and may prove stern opposition.

They were coached, for a while by Frank O'Farrell and they're sure to be well-organised. Even so, at the end of the day it must surely be Scotland and Holland to go through from Group Four.

Meanwhile, yours truly can keep in touch with the World Cup scene in SHOOT. I've got plenty of time to myself, unfortunately, and I miss the day-to-day involvement with the lads in training.

I'm doing some body exercises — anything that doesn't involve my leg. Poor old Ben — my Old English Sheepdog — hasn't had many walks from his master, although my brother and girlfriend make sure HE's kept fit!

This Saturday (February 4th) Villa travel down to London to play Arsenal at Highbury. I doubt if I'll go as I'm not a good spectator and don't really enjoy watching the boys play.

Mind you, if anyone believes in omens — I saw our opening game of the season from the stand and we beat Queens Park Rangers at Loftus Road. So maybe I should go to Highbury!

We lost the corresponding game last season 3-0 and Arsenal have improved steadily this season.

Villa may be out of the Championship race, but it's amazing how a string of good results takes you up the table. I'll be talking about Villa's disappointing form so far in my next article in a fortnight.

I hope you'll join me then.

Andy Greal

RESULTS... SCORERS... TEAM LINE-UPS

SATURDAY, DEC. 31

(Continued)

THIRD DIVISION

BRADFORD CITY (0) 1 (Watson)
CHESTERFIELD (2) 3 (Dearden, Fern, Parker)

4,543
Bradford: Downsbrough; Hardcastle, Fretwell, Dolan, Middleton, Johnson (Martinez), Watson, Grimes, Cooke, Wright, Hutchins.
Chesterfield: Letheran; Tarr, Hunter, Burton, Cottam, O'Neill, Dearden, Fern, Parker, Cammack, Chamberlain.

BURY (1) 1 (Stanton)
CARLISLE (0) 1 (Hamilton)

4,468
Bury: Forrest; Keenan, Kennedy, Thomson, Tucker, Hatton, Stanton, Suddick, Whitehead, McIlwraith (Johnson), Robins.
Carlisle: Ross; Collins, McCartney, Lathan, McDonald, Parker, McVitie, Bonnyman, Tait, Rafferty, Hamilton.

CHESTER (1) 2 (Storton, Edwards)
LINCOLN (1) 2 (Harford, Neale)

3,322
Chester: Lloyd; Nickas, Walker, Storton (Kearney), Delgado, Oakes, Crossley, Livermore, Edwards, Burns, Phillips.
Lincoln: Grotter; Guest, Leigh, Fleming, Wigginton, Cooper, Neale, Hubbard, Graham, Harford, Harding.

GILLINGHAM (1) 2 (Westwood, Richardson pen.)
SWINDON (1) 2 (Kamara, Moss)

8,012
Gillingham: Hillyard; Knight, Armstrong, Overton, Shipperley (Hughes), Crabbe, Nicholl, Weatherly, Price, Westwood, Richardson.
Swindon: Allan; McLaughlin, Trollope, Kamara, Prophet, Stroud, Moss, Carter, Guthrie, McHale, Cunningham.

OXFORD 0
EXETER 0

4,688
Oxford: Milkins; Fogg, Drysdale, Bodel, Stott, Jeffrey (Curran), McGrogan, Taylor, Foley, Seacole, Duncan.
Exeter: Key; Templeman, Hore, Weeks (Jennings), Giles, Hatch, Randell, Kellow, Bowker, Roberts, Holman.

PETERBOROUGH (0) 1 (Slough pen.)
PRESTON (0) 0

7,134
Peterborough: Barron; Hindley, Lee, Doyle, Turner, Ross, Slough, Butlin (Robson), Anderson, McEwan, Carmichael.
Preston: Tunks; McMahon, Cameron, Burns, Baxter, Cross, Coleman, Haslegrave, Thomson, Elwiss, Bruce.

PLYMOUTH (0) 0
WREXHAM (1) 1 (Shinton)

7,415
Plymouth: Barron; Smart (Delve), Uzzell, Horswill, Foster, Craven, Johnson, Megson, Binney, Harrison, Rogers.
Wrexham: Davies; Hill, Dwyer, Davis, Roberts, Thomas, Shinton, Sutton, McNeil, Whittle, Cartwright (Lyons).

PORT VALE (1) 3 (Beamish 2, Sutcliffe)
ROTHERHAM (0) 0

3,861
Port Vale: Connaughton; Beech, Griffiths, Ridley, Harris, Bentley, Sutcliffe (Chamberlain), Lamb, Cullerton, Beamish, Bailey.
Rotherham: McAlister; Forrest, Breckin, Rhodes, Green, Smith, Finney, Phillips, Womble, Matthews, Goodfellow.

SHEFF. WED. (0) 1 (Wyld)
HEREFORD (0) 0

11,029
Sheff. W: Bolder; Walden, Grant, Rushbury, Mullen, Leman, Wyld, Porterfield, Tynan, Prendergast, Bradshaw.
Hereford: Mellor; Price, Burrows, Layton, Jefferson, Sheedy, Davey, Briley, Marshall, Proudlove (Holmes), Emery.

SHREWSBURY (0) 1 (Irvine)
COLCHESTER (0) 0

4,336
Shrewsbury: Wardle; Leonard, Griffin, Hornsby, Turner, Atkins, Irvine, Nixon, Lindsay, Bates, Loughnane.
Colchester: Walker; Cook, Wignall, Leslie, Facker, Dowman, Garwood, Gough, Froggatt, Williams, Allinson.

WALSALL 0
CAMBRIDGE 0

5,086
Walsall: Kearns; Macken, Caswell, Shelton, Serella, Harrison, Dennehy, Bates (Evans), Wood, Buckley, King.
Cambridge: Hasbury; Batson, Smith, Stringer, Fallon, Howard, Cozens, Spriggs, Morgan, Finney, Biley.

FOURTH DIVISION

BARNLEY (0) 1 (Price)
SOUTHEND (1) 1 (Parker)

7,446
Barnley: Springett; Murphy, Collins, Pugh, Saunders, McCarthy, Warnock (Price), Hinch, Peachey, Little, Brown.
Southend: Rafter; Banks, Moody, Laverick, Yates, Young, Morris, Foggon, Parker, Fell, Hadley.

CREWE (1) 2 (Coyne, Davies, W.)
DARLINGTON (2) 2 (Ferguson, Wann pen.)

1,850
Crewe: Crudgington; Collier (Davies, W.), Cheetham, Lugg, Bowles, Bevan, Davies (D), McGinley, Purdie, Coyne, Roberts.
Darlington: Burleigh; Crosson, Cochrane, Hague, Craig, Stone, Lyons, Maitland, Ferguson, Seal, Wann.

DONCASTER (1) 1 (Habbin)
HALIFAX (1) 1 (Carroll)

3,913
Doncaster: Peacock; Olney, Wignall, Laidlaw, Owen, Reed, Miller, Snodin, O'Callaghan, Habbin, Bentley (Bowden).
Halifax: Gennoe; Flavell, Loska, Smith, Dunleavy, Trainer, Carroll, Bell, Bullock, Lawson, Horsfall.

GRIMSBY (2) 3 (Partridge pen., Donovan 2)
TORQUAY (0) 1 (Vassallo)

3,707
Grimsby: Wainman; Mawer, Moore, Waters, Barker, Hanvey, Lester (Drinkell), Partridge, Liddell, Donovan, Brolly.
Torquay: Lee; Twitchin, Parsons, Vassallo, Green, Boulton, Tomlin, Darke, Dunne, Brown, Cofhill.

HARTLEPOOL (0) 0
SWANSEA (2) 4 (Curtis 2, Moore K 2)

3,196
Hartlepool: Livesey; Malone, Simpkin (Harris), Gibb, Ayre, Smith, Linacre, Downing, Newton, Poskett, Bielby.
Swansea: Barber; Evans, Morris, Lally, May, Bartley, Chappell, James (R), Curtis, Moore (G), Moore (K).

HUDDERSFIELD (2) 4 (Butler 3, 1 pen., Mountford)
SCUNTHORPE (0) 1 (Lumby pen.)

4,000
Huddersfield: Starling; Sweeney, Sandercock, Holmes, Baines, Sidebottom, Butler, Branagan, Mountford, Johnson, Gray.
Scunthorpe: Crawford; Davy, Peacock, Oates, Czuczman, Bridges, O'Donnell, Keeley, Lumby, Wigg, Heron (Kilmore).

NORTHAMPTON (1) 1 (Farrington)
ALDERSHOT (0) 1 (Hooper)

3,598
Northampton: Jayes; Tucker, Mead, Litt, Robertson, Bryant, Farrington, Williams, Best Reilly (Martin), Christie.
Aldershot: Johnson; Earls, Wooler, Dixon, Howitt, Jopling, Crosby, Hooper, Needham, Dungworth, McGregor.

READING (0) 2 (Kearns, Bennett)
NEWPORT (0) 0

5,808
Reading: Death; Peters, White, Bowman, Sutton, Bennett, Earles, Nelson, Kearns, Cumming, Davies.
Newport: Plumley; Byrne, Aizlewood, Emanuel, Walker (R), Jones, Preece, Clark (Powell), Goddard, Walker (S), Williams.

SOUTHPORT (0) 3 (Ashworth, Gay, Jones)
ROCHDALE (0) 1 (Esser)

1,908
Southport: Harrison; Higham, Kisby, O'Neil, Brooks, Fisher, Woof (Ashworth), Gay, Brookfield, Wilson, Jones.
Rochdale: Poole; Hallows, Oliver, Morrin, Boslem, Bannon, Owen, Scaife, Green, Shaw, Esser.

WIMBLEDON (0) 1 (Edwards)
WATFORD (1) 3 (Mayes, Jenkins, Downes)

7,234
Wimbledon: Guy; Bryant, Galvin, Donaldson, Edwards, Bassett, Galliers, Denny, Sumner, Parsons, Leslie.
Watford: Rankin; Geidmintis, Bolton, Booth, Ellis, Garner, Downes, Joslyn (Blissett), Jenkins, Mayes, Pollard.

YORK (1) 3 (Staniforth, Randall, Young)
BRENTFORD (1) 2 (McCulloch, Phillips)

2,145
York: Brown; Clements, Hutt, Scott, Topping, James, Novacki, Young, Randall, Staniforth, McDonald.
Brentford: Bond; Shrubbs, Allen, Salmon, Kruse, Lloyd, Graham (J), Allder, Sweetzer, McCulloch, Phillips.

SCOTTISH PREMIER

AYR (1) 2 (Masterton, McLaughlin)
CELTIC (0) 1 (Edvaldsson)

12,500

Ayr: Sproat; Rodman, Kelly (Christie), Fleming, Hyslop, McAnespie, McCall, McSherry, Masterton, McLaughlin, Cramond.
Celtic: Latchford; Filippi, Lynch, Aitken, McDonald, Munro, Doyle, Edvaldsson, McAdam, Craig (McCluskey), Conn.

CLYDEBANK (0) 0
ABERDEEN (1) 1 (McMaster)

2,500
Clydebank: King; Hall, Colgan, Fallon, McCormack, Houston, O'Brien, McColl, McNaughton (Bradbury), McCallan, Lumsden.
Aberdeen: Clark; Kennedy (Fleming), McKel-land, McMaster, Garner, Miller, Sullivan, Jarvie, Harper, Gibson (Davidson), Robb.

DUNDEE UTD (0) 2 (Dodds, Hegarty)
ST. MIRREN (1) 1 (Hyslop)

7,645
Dundee U: McAlpine; Roland, Kopel, Rennie, Hegarty, Narey, Sturrock, Kirkwood (Dodds), Wallace (Addison), Fleming, Payne.
St. Mirren: Hunter; Beckett, Munro, Fitzpatrick, Reid, Copland, Richardson, Dunlop (Young), McGarvey, Abercrombie, Hyslop.

MOTHERWELL (0) 2 (McLaren, Stevens)
PARTICK (0) 0

7,823
Motherwell: Rennie; Watson, Wark, Miller (P), McVie, Stevens, Marinello, Pettigrew, O'Rourke, McLaren, Miller (J), (Mungall).
Partick: Rough; Mackie, Whittaker, Marr, Campbell (Love), Anderson, Houston, O'Hara, Gibson, Melrose (McQuade), Craig.

RANGERS 0
HIBS 0

22,000
Rangers: Kennedy; Jardine, Greig, Forsyth, Jackson, MacDonald, McLean, Russell, Johnstone (Parlane), Smith, Cooper.
Hibs: McDonald; Brownlie, Smith, McNamara, Stewart, Bremner, Murray, McLeod, Hutchinson, Duncan, McGhee (Paterson).

MONDAY, JAN. 2

FIRST DIVISION

ARSENAL (1) 1 (Price)
IPSWICH (0) 0

43,705
Arsenal: Jennings; Rice, Nelson, Price, O'Leary, Young, Brady, Sunderland, McDonald, Heeley (Simpson), Rix.
Ipswich: Cooper; Burley, Tibbott, Talbot, Hunter, Osman, Mills, Viljoen, Mariner, Geddis, Turner (Osborne).

ASTON VILLA (1) 1 (Little)
Q.P.R. (0) 1 (Smith o.g.)

34,750
Villa: Rimmer; Gidman, Smith, Phillips, McNaught, Mortimer, Deehan, Little, Gray, Gregory, Cowans.
Q.P.R.: Parkes; Shanks, Gillard, Hollins, Howe, Cunningham, James, Francis, Eastoe (Busby), Bowles, Givens.



Mickey Burns scored both goals in Newcastle's shock 2-0 win at Leeds.

CHELSEA (0) 2 (Garner, Walker)
W.B.A. (1) 2 (Brown A, Brown T.)

29,540
Chelsea: Bonetti; Harris, Wilkins (G) (Sparrow), Britton, Droy, Wicks, Garner, Lewington, Langley, Swain, Walker.
W.B.A.: Godden; Mulligan (Hughes), Robson, Brown (T), Wile, Robertson, Martin, Regis, Brown (A), Treweek, Johnston.

DERBY (2) 4 (George 3, 1 pen., Daly)
COVENTRY (0) 2 (Ferguson, Powell)

25,929
Derby: Middleton; Langan, Daniel, Daly, Hunt, Todd, Curran, Powell, Masson, George (Chesters), Bartlett.
Coventry: Blyth; Beck, McDonald, Yorath, Roberts, Gooding, Graydon, Wallace, Ferguson, Powell, Hutchison.

LEEDS (0) 0
NEWCASTLE (1) 2 (Burns 2)

36,643
Leeds: Stewart; Cherry, Gray (F), Lorimer, McQueen, Madeley, Harris, Currie, Jordan, Flynn, Graham (Gray E.).
Newcastle: Carr; Blackhall, Barker, Cassidy, McCaffery, Barton (Barrowclough), Hudson, Burns, Larnach, McGhee, Craig (T).

LEICESTER (0) 0
MAN. CITY (0) 1 (Owen pen.)

24,041
Leicester: Wallington; Williams, Rofe, Samuels (Salmons), Sims, Webb, Armstrong, Kelly, Davies, Hughes, Earle.
Man. C: Corrigan; Clements, Donachie, Booth, Watson, Owen, Barnes, Bell, Kidd, Hartford, Palmer.

LIVERPOOL (1) 2 (Johnson, Heighway)
MIDDELSBROUGH (0) 0

49,305
Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Jones, Thompson, Kennedy, Hughes, Dalglish, McDermott (Kewley), Heighway, Johnson, Callaghan.
Middlesbrough: Platt; Craggs, Bailey, Mahoney, Boam, Ramage, Mills, Cummins, Ashcroft, McAndrew, Armstrong.

MAN. UTD. (0) 1 (Greenhoff J.)
BIRMINGHAM (1) 2 (Dillon, Francis)

53,501
Man. U: Roche; Nicholl, Albiston, McIlroy, Greenhoff (B), Buchan, Coppell, Greenhoff (J), Ritchie, Macari, Hill.
Birmingham: Montgomery; Calderwood, Styles, Towers, Howard, Gallagher, Connolly, Francis, Bertschin, Hibbit, Dillon.

NORWICH (0) 2 (Ryan pen., Peters)
WEST HAM (1) 2 (Devonshire, Hales)

29,480
Norwich: Keelan; Bond, Sullivan, Ryan, Jones, Powell, Neighbour, Suggett, Gibbins, Reeves, Peters.
West Ham: Ferguson; Brush, Lampard, Bonds, Taylor (T), Curbishley, Devonshire, Robson, Cross, Brookling, Hales.

NOTTM FOREST (1) 1 (Robertson pen.)
EVERTON (0) 1 (Ross pen.)

44,030
Nottm F.: Shilton; Anderson, Barrett, McGovern, Needham, Burns, O'Neill, Gemmill, Withe, Woodcock, Robertson.
Everton: Wood; Darracott, Pejic, Lyons, Kenyon (Jones), Ross, King, Dobson, Latchford, McKenzie, Thomas.

WOLVES 0
BRISTOL C. 0

25,283
Wolves: Bradshaw; Palmer, Parkin, Daley, Hazell, McAlle, Hibbitt, Carr, Richards, Bell, Black.
Bristol C.: Shaw; Sweeney, Gillies; Gow, Collier, Merrick, Tainton, Ritchie, Royle, Mabbutt, Mann.

SECOND DIVISION

BLACKBURN (0) 1 (Fear)
NOTTS CO. (0) 0

14,394
Blackburn: Butcher; Hird, Bailey Metcalfe, Keeley, Fazackerley, Mitchell, Fear, Wagstaffe, Wood, Taylor.
Notts Co: McManus; McVay, O'Brien, Chapman, Stubbs, Birchenall, Sims, Bradd, Vinter, Mann, Hooks.

BOLTON (0) 1 (Whatmore)
BURNLEY (1) 2 (Brennan 2)

26,334
Bolton: McDonagh; Nicholson, Ritson, Greaves, Walsh, Allardce, Morgan, Whatmore, Train, Reid, Worthington.
Burnley: Stevenson; Scott, Brennan, Noble, Thomson, Rodaway, Ingham, Cochrane, Fletcher, Robinson, Morley.

BRIGHTON (0) 1 (Lawrenson)
SOUTHAMPTON (0) 1 (Williams)

32,979
Brighton: Steele; Cattlin, Williams, Horton, Rollings, Lawrenson, Towner, Ward, Maybank, Clark (Potts), O'Sullivan.

Southampton: Wells; Sharpe, Peach, Williams, Nicholl, Pickering, Ball, Boyer, MacDougall, Holmes, Waldron.

BRISTOL R. (0) 3 (Staniforth 2, Randall)
CARDIFF (1) 2 (Giles, Pontin) 11,945
 Bristol R: Jones; Aitken, Bater, Harding, Taylor (S), Prince, Barry, Pulis, Gould, Staniforth, Randall.
 Cardiff: Healey; Dwyer, Pethard, Campbell, Pontin, Larmour, Giles, Buchanan, Williams, Bishop, Attley.

CHARLTON (0) 0
FULHAM (0) 1 (Greenaway) 14,159
 Charlton: Wood; Berry, Warman, Shaw, Campbell, Dugdale, Powell (Abrahams), Gritt, Flanagan, Peacock, McAuley.
 Fulham: Peyton; Evans, Strong, Money, Lacey, Hatter, Greenaway, Bullivant, Mitchell, Evanson, Margerison.

C. PALACE (0) 1 (Hinshelwood P.)
MILLWALL (0) 0 27,010
 C. Palace: Burns; Hinshelwood (P), Sansom, Holder, Cannon, Gilbert, Nicholas, Chatterton, Swindlehurst, Bourne, Silkman.
 Millwall: Johns; Donaldson, Moore, Brisley, Tagg, Hazell, Pearson, Seaman, Hamilton, Alexander (Cross), Chambers.

OLDHAM (1) 2 (Halom 2)
BLACKPOOL (1) 1 (Walsh) 15,308
 Oldham: Platt; Wood, Holt, Bell, Hicks, Hurst, Valentine, Taylor, Halom, Chapman, Young (Gardner).
 Blackpool: Ward; Gardner, Milligan, Hart, McEwan, Suddaby, Ronson, Ainscow, Walsh, Hatton, Groves.

ORIENT 0
LUTON 0 9,270
 Orient: Jackson; Fisher, Roffey, Grealish, Hoadley, Roeder, Chiedozie, Gray, Mayo, Kitchen, Bennett.
 Luton: Aleksic; Price, Buckley, West, Carr, Jones, Stein, Hill, Futch (R), Fuccillo, Boersma.

SHEFF. UTD. (0) 2 (Edwards, Hamson)
TOTTENHAM (0) 2 (Duncan, Taylor) 31,207
 Sheff. U.: Brown; Cutbush, Calvert, Kenworthy, Colquhoun, Flynn (Hamson), Woodward, Edwards, Stainrod, Longhorn, Hamilton.
 Tottenham: Daines; Naylor, Holmes, Hoddle, McAllister (Armstrong), Perryman, Pratt, McNab, Duncan, Lee, Taylor.

STOKE (1) 1 (McGroarty)
MANSFIELD (1) 1 (Goodwin) 13,834
 Stoke: Jones; Marsh, Bowers, Kendall, Smith, Dodd, Waddington, Cook, Busby, McGroarty, Crooks.
 Mansfield: Arnold; Bird (Cooke), Foster (B), Sharkey, Foster (C), Wood, Miller, Goodwin, Syrett, Hodgson, Aston.

SUNDERLAND (0) 2 (Rowell 2)
HULL (0) 0 29,456
 Sunderland: Siddall; Henderson, Bolton, Docherty, Clarke, Ashurst, Gregoire, Arnott, Lee (Holden), Entwistle, Rowell.
 Hull: Blackburn; Nisbet, DeVries, Galvin, Dobson, Roberts (Sunley), Hawker, Haigh, Hawley, Bannister, Stewart.

THIRD DIVISION

CAMBRIDGE (0) 1 (Biley)
PETERBOROUGH (0) 0 10,998
 Cambridge: Hansbury; Batson, Smith, Stringer, Fallon, Howard, Cozens, Spriggs (Buckley), Morgan, Finney, Biley.
 Peterborough: Barron; Hindley (Robson), Lee, Doyle, Turner, Ross, Slough, Sargent, Anderson, McEwan, Carmichael.

CARLISLE (0) 1 (Rafferty)
SHEFF. WED. (0) 0 11,309
 Carlisle: Ross; Collins (Carr), McCartney, McDonald, Lathan, Parker, McVitie, Bonnyman, Tait, Rafferty, Hamilton.
 Sheff. W.: Bolder; Walden, Grant, Rushbury, Mullen, Leman, Wyde, Porterfield, Tynan, Prendergast, Bradshaw.

CHESTERFIELD (2) 3 (Fern, Burton, Cottam)
OXFORD (0) 0 4,659
 Chesterfield: Letheran; Tarrt, Burton, Hunter, Cottam, O'Neill, Cammack, Fern, Parker, Chamberlain, Dearden.
 Oxford: Milkins; Fogg, Drysdale, Bodell, Stott, Berry, Seacole, Taylor, Foley, Curran, Duncan.

COLCHESTER (0) 1 (Gough)
WALSALL (1) 1 (Buckley) 6,039
 Colchester: Walker; Cook, Wignall (Garwood), Leslie, Packer, Dowman, Foley, Gough, Rowles, Williams, Allinson.
 Walsall: Kearns; Macken, Caswell, Harrison, Sorella, Shelton, Dennehy, Bates, Wood, Buckley, King.



Blackpool's only goal came from Mickey Walsh in their 1-2 away defeat at Oldham.

EXETER (0) 1 (Ingham)
CHESTER (1) 1 (Crossley) 6,193
 Exeter: Key; Templeman, Hore, Bowker, Giles, Hatch, Jennings, Kellow, Ingham, Roberts, Holman.
 Chester: Lloyd; Edwards (N), Walker, Nick-eas, Delgado, Oakes, Crossley, Livermore, Edwards (I), Jones, Phillips.

HEREFORD (0) 1 (Davey)
SHREWSBURY (1) 1 (Biggins) 6,392
 Hereford: Mellor; Price, Ritchie, Layton, Marshall, Briley, Stephens, Sheedy, Davey, Holmes, Emery.
 Shrewsbury: Wardle; Leonard, Griffin, Atkins, Turner, King, Biggins, Hornsby, Lindsay, Bates, Maguire.

LINCOLN (2) 2 (Austin o.g., Neale)
PLYMOUTH (2) 2 (Austin, Neale o.g.) 6,262
 Lincoln: Grotier; Guest, Neale, Leigh, Wigginton, Cooper, Fleming, Graham (Cockerill), Harford, Hubbard, Jones.
 Plymouth: Barron; Harrison, Uzzell, Delve, Foster, Craven, Johnson, Megson, Austin, Horwill, Binney.

PORTSMOUTH (0) 3 (Kemp, Foster, Gilchrist)
BRADFORD C (0) 1 (Wright) 12,004
 Portsmouth: Figgins; Denyer, Wilson, Rug-giero, Foster, Hand, Piper, Kemp, Gilchrist, Roberts, Mellows.
 Bradford C: Downsborough; Hardcastle, Watson, Fretwell, Middleton, Ratcliffe, Grimes, Dolan, Cooke, Wright, Hutchins.

PRESTON (0) 2 (Thomson, Bruce)
PORT VALE (0) 0 10,930
 Preston: Tunks; McMahon, Cameron, Burns, Baxter, Cross, Coleman, Haslegrave, Thomson, Elwiss, Bruce.
 Port Vale: Connaughton; Beech, Griffiths, Ridley, Harris, Bentley, Sutcliffe, Lamb, Cullerton, Beamish, Bailey.

ROTHERHAM (0) 0
BURY (1) 3 (Rotherham, Stanton, Johnson) 4,609
 Rotherham: McAlister; Smith, Breckin, Rhodes, Forrest, Green, Finney, Phillips, Womble, Goodfellow, Dawson.
 Bury: Forrest; Keenan, Kennedy, Hatton, Tucker, Whitehead, Stanton, Suddick, Johnson, Robins, Thomson.

SWINDON (1) 1 (McHale pen)
TRANMERE (0) 0
 Swindon: Allan; McLaughlin, Trollope, Kamara, Carter, Prophet, Moss, Stroud, Guthrie, McHale, Cunningham (Ford).
 Tranmere: Johnson; Mathias, Flood, Parry, Philpotts, Evans, Peplow, Palios, Moore, Tynan, Allen.

WREXHAM (2) 3 (Lyons, McNeil 2)
GILLINGHAM (1) 3 (Price 3) 16,281
 Wrexham: Davies; Hill, Dwyer, Davis, Roberts, Thomas, Shinton, Sutton (Griffiths), McNeil, Whittle, Lyons.
 Gillingham: Hillyard; Williams, Armstrong, Overton, Knight, Collins, Nichol, Matherly, Price, Westwood, Richardson.

FOURTH DIVISION

ALDERSHOT 0
SOUTHPORT 0 5,871
 Aldershot: Johnson; Crosby, Wooler, Dixon, Earls, Howitt, Cotton, Hooper, Needham (Bell), Dungworth, McGregor.
 Southport: Harrison; Higham, Snookes, O'Neil, Brooks, Fisher, Kisby, Jones, Ashworth, Gay, Brookfield (Cooper).

BOURNEMOUTH (2) 2 (Johnson, Showers)
BARNLEY (2) 2 (Pugh, Hinch) 3,909
 Bournemouth: Chalk; Butler, Miller, Cunningham, Impey, Cave, Johnson, Showers, Howarth (Paterson), Lennard, Barton.
 Barnley: Springett; Murphy, Collins, Pugh, Saunders, McCarthy, Warnock, Hinch, Peachey, Little, Brown.

BRENTFORD (1) 1 (Shrubb)
HUDDERSFIELD (1) 1 (Baines) 9,470
 Brentford: Bond; Shrubb, Allen, Salman, Kruse, Lloyd, Graham (W), Baldwin, Alder, McCulloch, Phillips.
 Huddersfield: Starling; Sweeney (Eccles), Sandercock, Holmes, Baines, Sidebottom, Butler, Branagan, Mountford, Johnson, Gray.

DARLINGTON (1) 2 (Craig, Seal)
READING (0) 0 2,631
 Darlington: Burleigh; Stone, Cochrane, Hague, Craig, Young, Maitland, Lyons, Ferguson, Seal, Wann.
 Reading: Death; Peters, White, Bowman (Williams), Sutton, Bennett, Earles, Nelson, Kearns, Cumming, Davies.

HALIFAX (0) 2 (Bullock, Bell)
YORK (0) 0 3,744
 Halifax: Gennoe; Flavell, Loska, Smith, Dun-leavy, Trainer, Horsfall, Carroll, Bullock, Law-son (Bradley), Bell.
 York: Brown; Clements, Hutt, Scott, Top-ping, James, Novacki, Young, Randall, McDonald, Staniforth.

NEWPORT (2) 5 (Goddard 2, Jones, Clark 2)
NORTHAMPTON (2) 3 (Farrington, Reilly 2) 7,160
 Newport: Plumley; Byrne, Aizlewood, Emanuel, Walker (R), Jones, Preece, Goddard, Clark, Relish, Williams.
 Northampton: Jayes; Tucker, Bryant, Best, Robertson, Litt, Farrington, Williams, Stratford, Reilly, Christie (Martin).

ROCHDALE (0) 0
CREWE (1) 2 (Coyne, Davies, W.) 1,441
 Rochdale: Poole; Oliver, Green, Morrin, Bos-lem, Bannon, Owen, Scaife, Melledew, Shaw, Esser.
 Crewe: Crudgington; Roberts, Cheetham, Lugg, Bowles, Bevan, Davies (D), Purdie, Davies (W), Coyne, McGinley.

SCUNTHORPE (0) 3 (Oates, Lumby 2)
STOCKPORT (0) 0 3,237
 Scunthorpe: Crawford; Davy, Peacock, Oates, Czuczman, Bridges, Farrell, O'Donnell, Keeley, Lumby, Wigg.
 Stockport: Rogan; McBeth, Rutter, Fogarty, Loadwick, Smith, Summerbee, Halford, Park (Fletcher), Prudham, Massey.

SOUTHEND (1) 1 (Moody pen.)
GRIMSBY (0) 1 (Waters) 9,973
 Southend: Rafter; Moody, Banks, Laverick, Yates, Young, Morris, Foggion, Barker, Fell, Hadley (Pountney).
 Grimsby: Wainman; Mawer, Moody, Waters, Barker, Hanvey, Ford, Liddell, Don-ovan, Partridge, Brolly.

SWANSEA (1) 3 (Bassett o.g., James pen., Charles)
WIMBLEDON (0) 0 9,700
 Swansea: Barber; Evans, Morris, Lally, May, Bartley, Chappell, James (R), Curtis, Moore (G) (Charles), Moore (K).
 Wimbledon: Guy; Bryant, Davies, Donald-son, Edwards, Bassett, Galliers, Denny, Sum-merill, Parsons, Leslie.

TORQUAY (1) 2 (Boulton, Tomlin)
DONCASTER (0) 0 3,232
 Torquay: Lee; Twitchin, Parsons (Lawrence), Vassallo, Green, Darke, Tomlin, Boulton, Dunne, Brown, Coffill.
 Doncaster: Peacock; Robinson, Olney (Bent-ley), Laidlaw, Owen, Reed, Miller, Jones (M), O'Callaghan, Habbin, Snodin.

WATFORD (0) 1 (Bolton)
HARTLEPOOL (0) 0 16,842
 Watford: Rankin; Geidmintis, Pritchett, Booth, Bolton, Garner, Downes, Mayes, Jen-kins, Joslyn, Pollard (Blissett).
 Hartlepool: Livesey; Malone, Downing, O'Neil, Smith, Unwin, Unwin, Smith (T), Newton, Poskett, Creamer.

SCOTTISH PREMIER

ABERDEEN (0) 1 (Fleming)
DUNDEE UTD (0) 0 23,300
 Aberdeen: Clarke; Roughvie, McLelland, McMaster, McLeish, Miller, Sullivan, Jarvie, Harper, Gibson (Fleming), Robb.
 Dundee U: McAlpine; Rolland, Kopel, Rennie, Hegarty, Narey, Sturrock, Addison, Dods (Kirkwood), Fleming, Payne.

CELTIC (0) 0
MOTHERWELL (1) 1 (O'Rourke) 23,000
 Celtic: Latchford; Filippi, Lynch, Edvaldsson, McDonald, Munro, Doyle (McCluskey), Glavin, McAdam, Aitken, Wilson.
 Motherwell: Rennie; Watson, Wark, Miller (P), McVie, Stevens, Marinello, Pettigrew, O'Rourke, McLaren, Mungall (Davidson).

HIBS (2) 2 (McGhee, McLeod)
CLYDEBANK (0) 0 8,284
 Hibs: McDonald; Brownlie, Smith, Mc-Namara, Stewart, Bremner, Murray, McLeod (Brazil), Hutchinson (Paterson), Duncan, McGhee.
 Clydebank: King; Hall, Colgan, Fallon, McCormack, Houston, O'Brien, McColl, McNaughton (Abel), McCallan, Lumsden (Bradbury).

PARTICK (0) 1 (Frame)
RANGERS (0) 2 (Johnstone, Smith) 27,000
 Partick: Rough; Mackie, Whittaker, Camp-bell, Anderson, Gibson, Houston, O'Hara (Love), Marr, Frame, Craig.
 Rangers: Kennedy; Jardine, Miller, Forsyth, Jackson, MacDonald, McLean, Russell, John-stone, Smith, Cooper (Parlane).

ST. MIRREN (1) 2 (Abercrombie, Munro)
AYR (1) 3 (McCall 3) 7,300
 St. Mirren: Hunter (D); Beckett, Munro, Fitzpatrick, Reid, Copland Richardson, Stark, McGarvey, Abercrombie, Hyslop.
 Ayr: Sproat; Rodman, Kelly, Fleming, Hys-lop, McAnespie, McColl, McSherry, Masterton, McLaughlin, Cramond.

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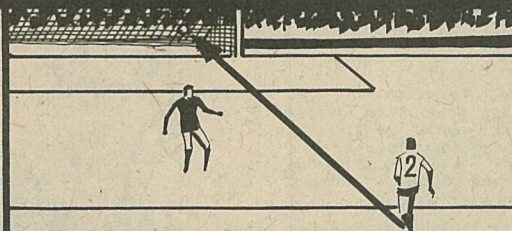
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A defender, in his own penalty-area, back-flicks the ball when an opponent is about to head it. Do you (a) take no action, (b) award an indirect free-kick or (c) a penalty-kick.



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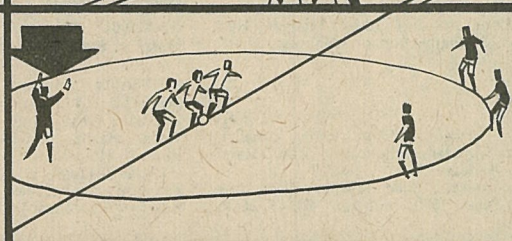
A: From a direct free-kick outside the penalty-area a defender kicks the ball directly into his own goal. You award a corner-kick.



B: When the corner is taken a defender pushes an attacker. The attacker is unable to prevent himself from pushing the ball into the goal with his hand. You award a penalty-kick.



C: A goal is scored from the penalty. At the kick-off you do not blow the whistle but signal by waving a hand. (Where is the problem?)



ANSWERS . . .

1. Award an indirect free-kick (b) for dangerous play. 2. The problem is in B. A goal should be awarded. In A the corner-kick is the correct decision. In C it is not essential to blow the whistle to restart play. It is, however, advisable.

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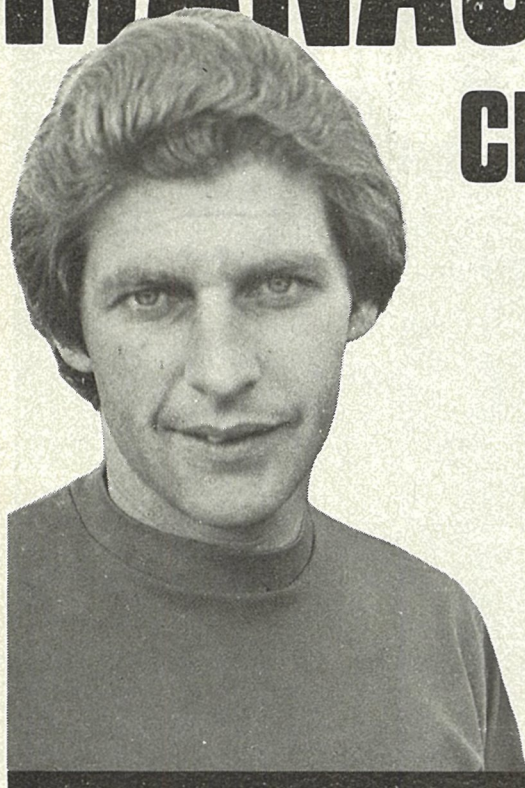
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MORE than half the season has passed. For **KEN SHELLITO** and **FRANK SIBLEY**, two young managers who took charge of London clubs in very different circumstances during the close season, a chance now to assess what they have done, what they would like to have done, and, perhaps, their mistakes.

Shellito (right) took over at Chelsea following Eddie McCreadie's stormy departure. Sibley (left), at 29, the youngest manager in the First Division, took charge of Queens Park Rangers shortly after Dave Sexton left to join Manchester United.

Neither Shellito nor Sibley had previously managed a football club. Shellito had been youth team manager. Sibley was Dave Sexton's deputy.



KEN SHELLITO: Well, Frank, I don't know about you, but I really enjoyed my first few months in charge.
FRANK SIBLEY: The same with me, Ken. There have been some troublesome moments, but I've learned an awful lot. Although right now I would settle for your place in the League!

SHELLITO: Yes, but there is a long way to go before the end of the season. Form is such a funny thing. A few bad injuries, and we've both had our fair share, and things can change very rapidly.

SIBLEY: A mid-table position and I would be much more confident about persuading players to come to Rangers. They are always so hesitant to join when you're at the foot of the table.

Before the season began our plan was to be mid-way by now, get a few good results, consolidate, and re-build at the same time. But now it looks as though we've a fight on our hands.

SHELLITO: Buying players is a luxury for us. Our financial situation does not allow it. Mind you, I don't know that I would go out and buy, even if I had the opportunity. We've some great youngsters

coming through.

SIBLEY: I've always said I won't go out and spend just for the sake of it. I want good men that will play their hearts out for Rangers. I don't want stars who play to boost their own ego, and their wage packets.

SHELLITO: I couldn't agree more. That's where I'm lucky. Everyone connected with Chelsea loves the club. We've such a great family spirit, re-kindled to a great extent in the Second Division. Relegation wasn't the end of the world for us.
SIBLEY: That's always been my view. Relegation hurts. It hurts everyone connected with the club, from the chairman and players and right through the fans. But greater

clubs than Rangers have been relegated and then come back to win major trophies.

SHELLITO: As I said, no one would volunteer for relegation, but the Second Division is a great place for bleeding youngsters.

SIBLEY: Fortunately we're very well stocked with young players. For most of the season we've

topped the Leagues that both our youth and reserve teams play in. But I will not rush youngsters into the first team and ruin them.

SHELLITO: You learn these things as you go along, Frank. I'm learning all the time, mainly from mistakes. The worst thing I have done so far is to go into the dressing-room before a game and announce a team without first telling a player I had left him out.

He was very upset, understandably so. But we had a long chat about it and sorted things out. But that's what I mean by learning from mistakes.

SIBLEY: I think that has happened to us all, Ken. Perhaps my biggest mistake so far has been being too honest with the Press. I have said some things that they've taken right out of context. Often it's made me look daft.

I try to be as fair with the Press as I am with my players. I don't tell anything to one journalist that I don't tell the others. But I'm very careful now before answering questions. I really think carefully about what I'm going to say.

SHELLITO: Well, we've already met at Loftus Road, and drawn 1-1, now I'm looking forward to the meeting at Stamford Bridge on February 18th.

SIBLEY: Me, too, Ken! And all the best.



Q.P.R. v. Chelsea at Loftus Road last September.

Which team do you support? Liverpool, Scotland, Manchester City, Celtic, Rangers, Aston Villa, Arsenal, Blackpool, Bristol City, Bolton Wanderers, Burnley, Cardiff City, Chelsea, Derby County, Everton, Heart of Midlothian, Northern Ireland, Stoke City, St Mirren, Sunderland, Partick Thistle, West Bromwich Albion, Wolverhampton Wanderers? ☐ Show your allegiance!

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Birmingham City

FULL NAME: James Calderwood
BIRTHPLACE: Glasgow
BIRTHDATE: 28th Feb. 1955
HEIGHT: 5ft 10ins
WEIGHT: 11st 4lb
PREVIOUS CLUBS: None
MARRIED: Yes, to Sue
CHILDREN: Donna, 20 months
CAR: No
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Eddie Gray
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Glasgow Rangers
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Trevor Brooking
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: My debut v. Stoke, November, 1972
BIGGEST THRILL: Being picked to play for Scotland Under-23's
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Being dropped for F.A. Cup Semi-Finals against Fulham 1975
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: U.S.A.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Steak and chips
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Snooker, golf and badminton
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Gardening and household chores
FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS: Most detective series and any sports programmes
FAVOURITE SINGERS: Neil Diamond, Diana Ross
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Robert Redford, Claudia Cardinale
BEST FRIEND: I like to think I have many
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My Dad and Willie Bell when he was our coach
BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Inconsistent referees
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: One Under-23 cap and six Youth caps
PERSONAL AMBITION: To have a long and happy life with my family
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To win a major honour with Birmingham City and to be picked for the full Scotland side
IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE? No idea
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? Muhammad Ali



SHOOT!



SHOOT: Marius, your team have qualified for the first time since the Finals in England in 1966. What is the reaction to that news in France?

TRESOR: I think I can say, without any doubt whatsoever, every French person is really excited and delighted by our success. It is, as you say, 12 years since we qualified and that is a long time to wait to compete in the top football tournament in the world.

SHOOT: Was there ever any time during the qualifying ties you thought France might not make it?

TRESOR: Well, after we had lost to Eire in Dublin we felt it would be very difficult to succeed. We wanted to get a draw there and that would have made it much easier for us. But we lost and eventually had to win our last match — home to Bulgaria — to qualify. And as you know, we won by three goals to one.

SHOOT: Which was your hardest game?

TRESOR: I would say the game in Sofia against Bulgaria. We drew 2-2, but it was a very difficult place to go to and succeed. Eire in Dublin was a hard match, too, and we lost that game. But overall, I would say Bulgaria away was the most difficult.

SHOOT: You toured South America last summer with France. Was that tour a success?

TRESOR: Yes, it was, and I think we learned a lot of things that will help us immensely in South America during this year's Finals. It was good experience because we learned about the climate, conditions of play, hotel standards and many other things. On the field, we did well because we drew 0-0 in Argentina and then drew 2-2 with Brazil in Rio de Janeiro. At one stage, just after half-time in that match, we were losing by two goals to nil. So we did well to recover — there cannot be too

ABOVE . . . Eire v France — Lacombe and Johnny Giles. The French lost 0-1.

RIGHT . . . Tresor in action during France's match in Argentina last summer.



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1 Marius Tresor FRANCE

many sides who come back to draw against Brazil from that unpromising situation.

SHOOT: Who do you feel will be the players to really come through and shine in South America this summer?

TRESOR: We are a young team with many good players. But I suppose one of our best players will surely be Michel Platini in midfield. He is truly a world-class player. Others, like Rocheteau, Bathenay, Lacombe and Six will do well. But I think we are really a young team who work together and will achieve success by those means, not so much individual efforts.

SHOOT: What are your feelings about leading the side? Will the fact it is a young team put more responsibility on to your shoulders?

TRESOR: It is not a bad thing to have a young team. I am very proud to be captain of a young side as good as this one. I think perhaps we need more of a competitive streak out in Argentina. It will be hard there and we must develop that in our play. But I feel this is only the start for this team and we will become much better. It is very young, this side, and we shall improve all the time.

SHOOT: Which is your strongest department, Marius? Is it in midfield with Platini? Or are you strong at the back?

TRESOR: I wouldn't put the accent on any one department of the side. The quality of our midfield and our passing is very high, but we are good in other ways, too.

SHOOT: Which opponents impressed you the most in South America last summer, and which country do you feel will start the tournament as favourites?

TRESOR: Brazil were an impressive team, I thought. And they still had almost one year to

RIGHT . . . France celebrate their third goal against Bulgaria in Paris, the game that clinched their place in the World Cup Finals.



finish off some of the team selections that were still undecided. I think Brazil and West Germany, as well as the host nation, Argentina, will be the three countries hardest to beat. It was useful experience for us to meet Brazil and Argentina because it showed us what we will face next summer in the Finals.

SHOOT: Much has been said about the political situation in Argentina. Are you worried about going there?

TRESOR: I am not worried at all about playing in Argentina. When

we were out there last summer, we had a demonstration of the efficiency of the police in preventing trouble and guarding the players. We were guarded night and day and I have no fears about trouble during the Finals.

SHOOT: How hard will it be for European teams in South America?

BACK ROW: Rey, Janvion, Rio, Bathenay, Bossis, Tresor.

FRONT ROW: Rocheteau, Lacombe, Platini, Guillou, Six.

TRESOR: I think the European teams proved by their results last summer in South America, there is no more the big problem there used to be. I think European teams can do well and I expect West Germany to be one of the successful sides.

SHOOT: What has been the secret behind the rise of the French team?

TRESOR: Things began to improve for us when Stefan Kovacs was in charge. He made us more profes-

sional, but it was not really until Michel Hidalgo took over we really began to become a world-class side. Hidalgo brought such personal and friendly application that all over France were players who wanted to work with him, wanted to do well for him. He has that effect and it turned the French team into a side that knitted together and became a true team. When we beat Bulgaria to reach the Finals, Hidalgo burst into tears — that is his way. But every French player went straight to him to be with him — that is the result of the special feeling we have for him. Hidalgo put so much humanity into the relationships between himself and the players we are the same as a family. Since Hidalgo took over, we have been beaten only once.

SHOOT: How far do you think you can go in the Finals this summer?

TRESOR: It is very hard, almost impossible, to say at this stage. If we play as we can as a team with the organisation and skill we have, I think we can spring a surprise and do well. More than that I cannot really say — we must wait until the Finals. We have been drawn in Group One, which means we'll play in Buenos Aires, where we drew with Argentina last year. Who knows — we may go one better next time?

● Interview by Peter Bills.



A SURPRISE...

Next Week
PERU CAPTAIN
JULIO MELENDEZ

FOCUS ON Michel Platini

FULL NAME: Michel Platini

CLUB: AS Nancy

BIRTHPLACE: Joeuf

BIRTHDATE: June 21st, 1955

HEIGHT: 5ft 8ins

WEIGHT: 11st 1lb

PREVIOUS CLUB: Joeuf

MARRIED: No

CAR: Renault 5

FAVOURITE PLAYER: Marius

Trésor (Olympique Marseille)

FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM:

Joeuf

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT:

Trésor

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH:

Beating Bulgaria to reach Argentina

BIGGEST THRILL: Being in the

World Cup Finals

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT:

When we lost in Dublin to Eire — I

didn't think we'd qualify then

BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Italy

FAVOURITE FOOD: Veal

MISCELLANEOUS LIKES:

Driving, training, relaxing at home

MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES:

Injuries

FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS: Sports

programmes

FAVOURITE SINGER: Sylvie

Martin

FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS:

Alain Delon, Brigitte Bardot

BEST FRIEND: Several

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON

CAREER: My father, Aldo, who

started my interest in soccer as a child

BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER:

Losing, bad referees

INTERNATIONAL HONOURS:

Full caps for France

PERSONAL AMBITION: To always

be happy in my career

PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To

do well in Argentina

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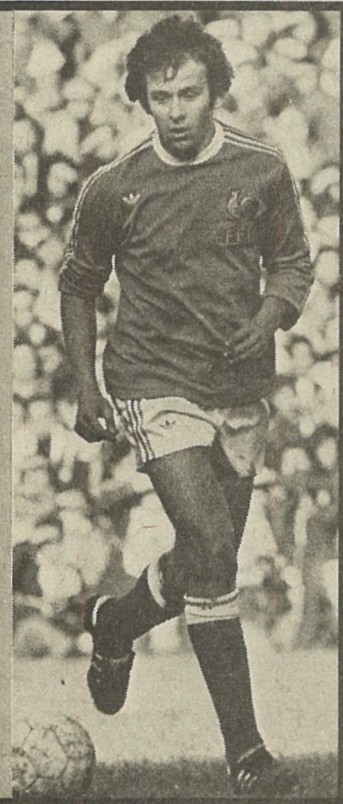
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THINK YOU'D BE? Sports teacher

WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD

WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO

MEET? No one in particular



'Scottish fans are drunks'

WITH the World Cup Finals just four months away, the Argentinian Press is already printing warnings of what to expect from Scotland fans during the World Cup.

One magazine went so far as to produce some terrifying statistics based on what their reporters claim to have seen in Glasgow before, during and after Scotland's qualifying tie against Czechoslovakia.

Their verdict: "99 per cent of Scottish fans are drunk. Not merry or happy. Drunk. Fifty per cent are

looking for an excuse to start a fight. Thirty per cent succeed in finding one. Ten per cent are escorted to and from the ground by large numbers of police. Three per cent are arrested for drunkenness. One per cent are arrested for use of violence."

Sadly this sort of irresponsible reporting is part and parcel of international football. The Argentinians are fed up with the European Press saying uncomplimentary things about them and certainly much of it has been

unconfirmed.

I'm disappointed that a magazine should take it upon itself to print such obviously incorrect statistics.

Criticism is easy, but people must get their own house in order before criticising others.

Argentina's fans aren't exactly known for their sportsmanship, while those people who say Argentina isn't fit to hold a World Cup should instead come up with constructive criticisms.

I suppose critics will be starting on Spain, the 1982 hosts, next.

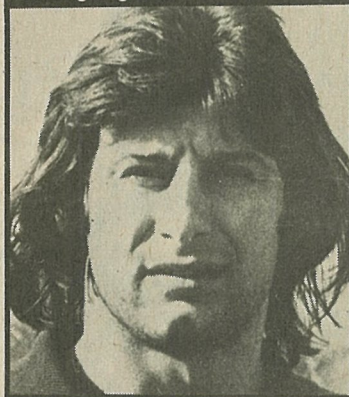
HANS KRANKL, Austrian World Cup star, could not make an appointment with his national team-boss because of "very important business".

So the manager went to buy a new car at a favourable price given by a dealer. The first person he saw at the garage exchanging his old car was . . . Krankl!

NEW COSMOS STAR

NORTH American Champions Cosmos have signed another top-line European star. He is Vladislav Bogicevic, the 27-year-old Red Star Belgrade midfielder.

Bogie, as he will be called, won five Yugoslav titles with Red Star, played 503 first team games and was captain for the last five years. He won 47 caps for his country, scoring 17 goals.



Danish dreams

QUOTE . . . from Denmark team-boss Kurt Nielsen: "My biggest wish for 1978 is that I can get all my best players free for our internationals. If I have the professionals from West Germany, like Allan Simonsen, available, then there is something to look forward to. I shall be going to the World Cup Finals to search for new ideas. Who will win? The West Germans have disappointed me . . . what about Austria? They've impressed me a great deal."

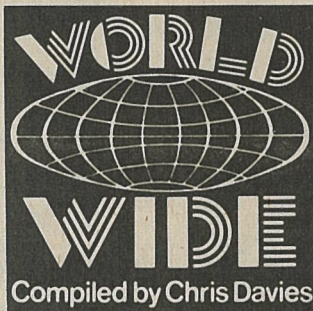
Meanwhile, Erik Hyldstrup, director general of the Danish F.A., has even wilder dreams for '78 . . . "On September 20th, 45,000 fans will watch Simonsen and Rontved score as we beat England 2-1 in the European Championship. By this time next year we shall have eight points from four games. Italy will win the World Cup and Borussia Mönchengladbach the European Cup."

IT SEEMS that Uli Hoernes (Bayern Munich) and Jupp Heynckes (Borussia Mönchengladbach) won't be in West Germany's World Cup squad.

Manager Helmut Schoen recently asked 25 players to be examined thoroughly at a medical centre and this pair were not included.

Hoernes was so disappointed he announced he would retire if he were not chosen.

Heynckes said: "I have several weeks in which to prove myself. If I don't, then I'm not good enough for West Germany. It's as simple as that."



CESAR'S IN CHARGE

ARGENTINIAN national team manager Cesar Luis Menotti has won his latest battle against the clubs. He's been insisting that he wants complete control over his World Cup players as from February 15th, but the clubs have been equally determined to hold on to their star players for important League and Copa Libertadores matches. The Argentinian F.A. has ruled in favour of Menotti.



Hungary will not be taking 22 players to Argentina. Manager Lajos Baroti has announced that only 19 of his World Cup squad will actually make the journey. The other three will stay at home waiting for a call . . .

Uruguayan newspaper El Pais is to offer a prize to the scorer of the 1,000th goal in the World Cup Finals. The present total is 943 goals in 270 ties, an average of 3.51 per match.

At the halfway stage in the Belgian First Division, 445 goals had been scored in 153 games, an average of 2.9 per match. An average of 10,594 saw the matches and there were 197 yellow cards, with two dismissals.

Big shock in Holland when runaway leaders PSV of Eindhoven were knocked out of the Dutch Cup by Second Division Wageningen . . . 6-1 in front of their own fans!

For the second time in succession, Zico has been voted Footballer of the Year in Brazil.

PLAYER POWER GOES MAD

THE ultimate story in Player Power has reached me from Switzerland and it involves Geneva First Division side Etoile Carouge.

They were promoted last season, thanks mainly to the shrewd handling of manager Paul Garbani.

It's probably true that almost every manager expects the chop at one time or another, yet Garbani could be forgiven if he was a little surprised.

Carouge started the new season well and were in a mid-table position.

One morning a Swiss newspaper carried an announcement by the Carouge players that they would no longer accept playing under Paul Garbani.

The board told the players anyone not turning up for training would be suspended. The players trained on an adjacent pitch and were all suspended.

The directors announced the youth team would play the next game.

Garbani, a quiet man, announced his resignation "because it's the only way the players will play in our game on Saturday."

The first-teamers drew 1-1 with Sion and Karoly Kremer became temporary manager.

The end of the story? No . . . the players then asked for the resignation of the board and a new one was elected on December 17th.

ITALY goalkeeper Dino Zoff has joined the 400 Club. He played his 400th game in the Italian First Division when Juventus met Turin rivals Torino (0-0).

'Racist' claim by black Brazilian

PAULO CESAR, the wayward black Brazilian star, has given an interview in France accusing his F.A. of being racist.

This is, apparently, to justify (a) his poor form in the '74 World Cup Finals, (b) his insistence on extra bonus money before a certain game and (c) his Bohemian life-style.

Because of Paulo Cesar's request for extra money, he has been dropped by Brazil and is now considered a bad influence on younger players.

Nobody, not even Pele, ever received extra bonuses or personal consideration from the Brazilian F.A.

Paulo Cesar's allegation that the F.A. are racist is absurd. The list of coloured players, headed by Pele, is endless and these stars all had one other thing in common . . . they wanted to play football and accepted the discipline it requires.

REAL Madrid and Spain captain, Pirri, doesn't exactly let the grass grow under his feet. In his spare time he's doing third year studies in the Faculty of Medicine at Madrid University, and he's just opened a new shop selling nothing but colour televisions.

ARGENTINA STAR PLAYS FOR SPAIN!

THIS PICTURE published in Spanish soccer magazine Don Balon, shows Ruben Cano lining up before a game for Argentina four years ago.

The Atletico Madrid striker was Spain's World Cup hero a few months ago when he scored their decisive winner against Yugoslavia.

Ruben Cano, 26, is fortunate to be going to his native Argentina to play for Spain in the World Cup.

Of course, no player can play for two countries; but the game in which Ruben Cano played for Argentina was a friendly against a Schalke/Duisburg combination not an official game.

He dropped out of the Argentina selection but burst back on to the international scene when Spanish officials discovered he had a Spanish grandmother — which made Ruben Cano "Spanish".



'THE MISTAKE SCOTLAND MUSTN'T REPEAT'



**Tartan
Talk**
JOHN GREIG

NATURALLY enough everyone in Scotland is excited about last month's World Cup draw. Some people are saying that Ally MacLeod's men only have to turn up in Argentina to go through to the next round with Holland.

However, I don't think it will be as easy as these people are making out. Admittedly we should beat Peru and Iran, but things do not always work out in football as expected.

I have been looking at Peru's recent record and it's fairly impressive. They lost only 1-0 to Brazil and that is an improvement on Scotland's result with the Brazilians in the summer. Remember, the Scots lost that game 2-0 and hardly had a worthwhile effort at goal.

Peru's main dangerman it seems is still Teofilio Cubillas. I first saw him in the 1970 World Cup in Mexico where he was described as a "new Pele". Obviously he has not lived up to those expectations, but he will still be a very dangerous player in Argentina.

Also in the Peruvian line-up are another two of the players who looked more than useful eight years ago — Hugo Sotil and Hector Chumpitaz. These are two industrious Peruvians and they work tirelessly for the entire 90 minutes.

If the Peruvians have a weakness it must be in goal. I don't remember the name of the goalkeeper who played in Mexico, but I do recall he was diabolical at dealing with high balls. I don't know whether or not he is still around. If he is, Joe Jordan will make his life a nightmare.

And what about Iran? They seem to be the great unknowns of this competition, but Frank O'Farrell, the general-manager of Torquay United, was in charge of their national team for two years and he has promised to give a complete dossier to Ally MacLeod.

According to reports the Iranians are skilful ball players. However, it is said they do not relish hard tackling. I do not see our Scottish

midfield of Bruce Rioch, Don Mason and Asa Hartford presenting them with the ball and without that they won't do much damage.

We must watch them, though. Scotland learned a hard lesson in West Germany four years ago when they went out of their section on goal difference without losing a game. The fact we could only score two goals against Zaire ended our hopes in that competition. When we play Iran we cannot afford a repeat of that mistake.

Mind you they should have been softened up by Holland, who play them a few days earlier. In fact, our game against the Dutch could be an anti-climax.

Hopefully, both Scotland and Holland will have booked their

places in the next round when this game is played. If this is the case I don't see either manager wanting to give away too many of his secrets. Also I wouldn't expect our players to take the risk of injuries or bookings.

Still, on paper it looks a great World Cup draw for Scotland, but we must not allow complacency to wreck our bid for the World's most coveted prize.

John Greig

**TARTAN TALK FROM
CELTIC'S DANNY
McGRAIN NEXT WEEK**



Peru (dark shirts) in action against Bulgaria during the 1970 World Cup Finals.

IN TODAY'S rigorous and extremely competitive soccer world the individual is having a lean time trying to break down the safety-first tactics of defensively-minded teams who are out to prevent defeat at all costs.

It's a problem for attack-minded managers who want to bring entertainment and excitement to the fans. A new effort has been adopted in an effort to shatter the re-inforced rearguards. It's called the double-act . . . a battering ram of two players who go where the brave go in an effort to blast goals into their opponents' net.

These players feed off one another, combine power, skill and strength to prise open defences. They work at high speed in enemy territory and their courage often brings dividends.

SHOOT has taken a look at the Scottish soccer scene to watch the current double-acts who are taking the star billing in grounds North of the border.

One of the most profitable partnerships is at Ibrox where DEREK JOHNSTONE and GORDON SMITH have become the most lethal duo in Scotland. Their styles contrast and complement with Johnstone winning most of the high balls and the speedy Smith gobbling up most of the chances that are created on the ground.

"They look as though they have been playing beside each other for years," says manager Jock Wallace. "They don't get in each other's way, they don't challenge for the same ball and that's a good thing. They are both very talented and if they stick at their game they

will score goals for years to come."

Smith's form, in particular, has been a real surprise. In all his years with Kilmarnock he was never known as a consistent goalscorer. In fact, last season he hit only six . . . and that included a couple of penalties. In his first seven games for Rangers he had passed that total!

Why the change? "It's simple, really," says Smith, "I now think I am playing in a role which is more suited to my style. With Kilmarnock I was an orthodox outside-left.

"The then-manager, Willie Fernie, who was a former winger, obviously liked to play with men wide on the flank, but I preferred a place in the middle.

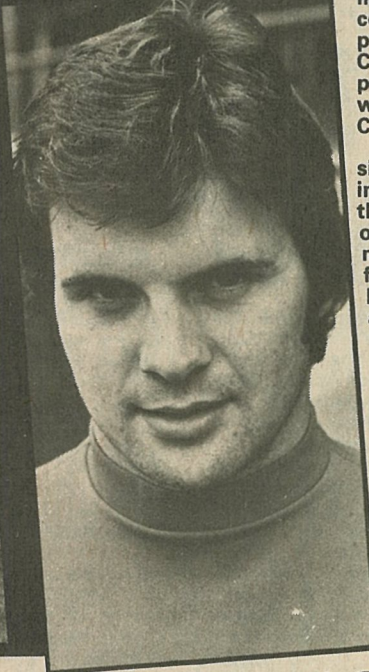
"However, I stayed out on the left until Rangers paid £65,000 for me this season. They had just paid £100,000 to Clydebank for Davie Cooper so it was unlikely they would play me on the left.

"I got a role beside big Derek and I'm glad to say everything has fallen into place. It's easy playing alongside Derek because he is so unselfish and does a lot of hard work for which he rarely gets credit.

"He challenges for balls and that puts pressure on defences. That



Gordon Smith (left) and Derek Johnstone (below) have been scoring regularly as Rangers power towards the Premier Division Championship.



Road side's defence turning. McAdam, on the right, sped past an opponent, took the ball into the penalty-area and fired a vicious effort at goal.

'Keeper Mike McDonald managed to block the effort, but, coming in right on schedule, was Craig who first-timed the rebound into the net. The pair have combined in other goals, but it will probably be next season when Celtic have got over their injury problems and form lapses before we see the best of McAdam and Craig.

Hibs made an ambitious effort to sign Liverpool's Welsh international leader John Toshack this season, but the deal fizzled out. The Edinburgh men were more fortunate when they went for Dundee's BOBBY HUTCHINSON and signed him in an exchange deal with their full-back Erich Schaedler going to Dens Park.

Hutchinson, fast and brave, is now teaming up with ALLY McLEOD, the former St. Mirren and Southampton attacker, and the bleak clouds which hovered over Easter Road are being replaced by radiant sunshine.

The Edinburgh side are coming

The scourge of TWO-PRONGED

allows me to hover around the box picking up the chances."

Johnstone, too, knows how to put them away and the 'Alias Smith and Johnstone' shooting stars are making certain the Premier Division flag will be flying over Ibrox at the end of the season. There seems nothing anyone can do to prevent that happening . . . thanks to the Ibrox merchants of menace.

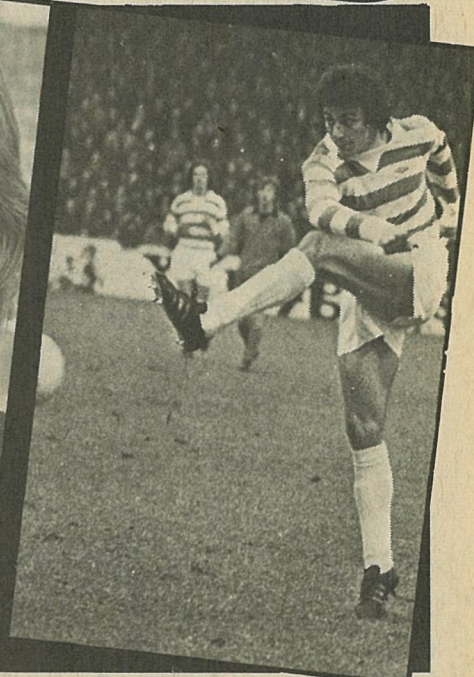
Celtic, of course, have struggled in the absence of wonder boy Kenny Dalglish, but TOM McADAM, their £60,000 buy from Dundee United this term, is promising to deliver the goods. He has been working hard at his game and there have been indications that, given time, he could form a formidable strike force with JOE CRAIG.

Craig's form has been disappointing this term after his success last season. He has been blowing hot and cold, but one illustration of how McAdam and Craig can get together to open a defence came in a Premier match against Hibs at Parkhead which Celtic won 3-1.

A magnificent long ball from Tommy Burns caught the Easter



Celtic fans could see the full potential of Tom McAdam (above) and Joe Craig (right) next season.



Goals from Ally McLeod (left) and Bobby Hutchinson (below) have helped Hibs climb the table.

receiving end of this partnership a couple of times this season. In fact, in the opening game of the season they were given a taste of things to come when they lost 3-1, with Jarvie and Harper both playing a major role in their downfall.

The opening goal came from Jarvie after Ian Fleming had sent over a low cross from the left-wing. Jarvie, as ever, remained ice cool in a crowded penalty-box and side-footed his shot into the net.

The Ibrox men equalised and then Fleming scored number two for The Dons. Rangers' fightback was ended when Harper scored a goal which is typical of the ones he has scored in his career with Morton, Huddersfield, Everton, Hibs and now Aberdeen, his second spell at Pittodrie.

John McMaster fired a shot across the face of the goal and 'keeper Peter McCloy couldn't hold the effort. The ball hardly touched the ground when Harper came zooming in to blast an unstoppable drive high into the roof of the net. Vintage Harper!

DOUG SOMNER had a profitable

pairing with Joe Craig before the latter's £60,000 transfer to Celtic last season. People thought the Partick Thistle striker may not be so effective without Craig, but he has proved them all wrong.

Manager Bertie Auld has now teamed him up with JIM MELROSE and these two players are currently the toast of Firhill. Defenders must wince at the sound of their names.

Somner is the more direct of the two, but Melrose showed he could match power for power with anyone this season in the dramatic 3-3 draw with Rangers at Ibrox.

Thistle were leading 1-0 with a goal from Somner when Alex O'Hara fired a long ball downfield. World Cup defender Tom Forsyth, who rarely makes a mistake, and Melrose chased after it.

Melrose got there first, and left Stewart Kennedy helpless with a neat and precise low shot.

"And look out, too, for Sandy Frame," says Firhill boss Auld.

"He's been unlucky with injuries, but is coming back and I have faith in his ability to hit goals."

Lucky Thistle fans... they could soon be watching a treble-act!

Scottish defences~

out of their bad spell and the combination of the direct Hutchinson and the shrewd McLeod is an exciting and intriguing one. His boss Eddie Turnbull has been trying for a long time now to get a leader to play with dash and verve. He has wanted someone to take the pressure off McLeod, who also does a lot of good work in

Aberdeen's twin strike-force of Joe Harper (right) and Drew Jarvie (far right).

Jim Melrose (below, left) and Doug Somner (below, right) both scored for Partick against Rangers this season.



SPEARHEADS

midfield.

Turnbull signed Ally Scott and Graham Fyfe from Rangers, but that didn't work. He tried Tony Higgins up-front, but he too, didn't achieve success on a consistent scale.

Martin Henderson arrived from Rangers on a loan deal, but he scored only one goal and he was soon on his way back to Ibrox. That was why Hibs decided to go for Toshack. They had pocketed £100,000 from Newcastle, who paid this amount for international sweeper John Blackley, and they were willing to part with £80,000 to get the Anfield ace.

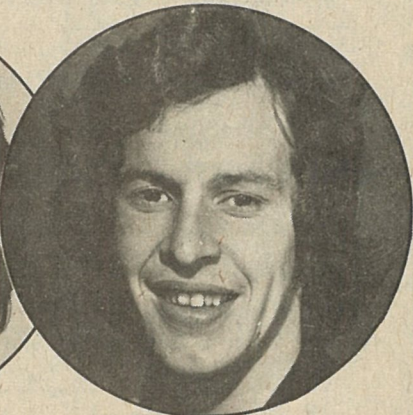
The deal never materialised, though, and now Hutchinson looks like being the answer to Hibs' problem. He likes to buzz around the area, always threatening to stick one away. McLeod can score

goals from any range or angle and while defenders are busy looking after Hutchinson, he can hit the remarkable efforts which are swiftly becoming his trademark.

Aberdeen manager Billy McNeill has a problem... and it's a happy one. He has so many talented forwards around he is never too sure which combination to use up-front. One of the deadliest double-acts at Pittodrie in the past has been JOE HARPER and DREW JARVIE, two of Scottish soccer's most consistent goalscorers.

Again there is a clever fusion in their styles. Jarvie likes to lie deep and come in from nowhere to score his goals while Harper is more direct in his approach, a real penalty-box player.

Rangers have been on the



TAKE A BREAK—IT'S quiz time

1. George Petchey was recently appointed manager of which Second Division club?

2. Joe Jordan was also in the news recently when he was transferred from Leeds United to Manchester United. (a) Did he cost the Old Trafford club around £300,000, £350,000 or £400,000 and (b) where did he start his League career?

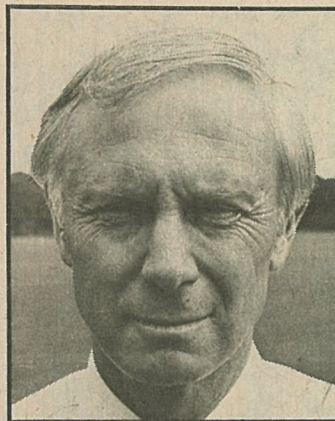
3. The photograph below was taken before the Scotland squad

left for the 1974 World Cup Finals in West Germany. How many of the players can you identify?

4. Allen Batsford (right) resigned on January 5th as manager of which club?

5. Rangers and Celtic clashed in a Premier Division game on January 7th. Rangers won 2-0, 3-1 or 4-2 at Ibrox or Parkhead?

6. Were Dundee or Dundee



United once known as Dundee Hibernians?

7. Rearrange the jumbled letters to find the name of a London manager and his club... LIBL GNDDIO (TDRRBONEF).

8. European Cup winners Liverpool have won the Football League Championship a record

eight, nine or ten times and the F.A. Cup on one, two or three occasions?

9. Which two clubs would be in opposition if Paul Cooper saved a penalty from Peter Kitchen in an F.A. Cup game?

10. Nottingham Forest have had seven managers since the last War. Billy Walker, Andy Beattie, John Carey, Matt Gillies, Allan Brown and Brian Clough are six of them... can you name the other one?

ANSWERS:

1. Millwall. 2. (a) £350,000, (b) Morton. 3. Back Row (left to right): George Connelly, Danny McGrain, Sandy Jardine, David Hay, Kenny Dalglish, Tom Forth, Front Row: Eric Schneider, Donald Ford, Willie Morgan, Ally Hunter, Jim Holton. 4. Wimbledon. 5. 3-1 at Ibrox. 6. Dundee United. 7. Bill Dodgin (Brentford). 8. Ten and two. 9. Ipswich Town and Orient. 10. Dave Mackay.



GO FOR THE DOUBLE ANSWERS

Across: (1) Pick. (4) As. (7) Brechin. (8) Show. (11) To. (12) Topical. (15) Eve. (17) Tunic. (19) In. (21) Sheffield. (22) Late. (23) Let. (24) By. (25) Year. (28) England. (32) Innocent. (34) Leeds. (35) Roe.

Down: (1) Post. (2) Coop. (3) Brian Flynn. (4) Act. (5) Shoe. (6) Intend. (9) Hop. (10) Withe. (13) Cue. (14) Life. (16) Villa. (18) City. (20) Blue. (21) Stag. (24) Bans. (26) Ever. (27) Rate. (29) Nee. (30) Lid. (31) Don. (33) No.

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'THE GUNNERS ON TARGET FOR THE TITLE'

LAST April, a slim, feather-light teenager from Doncaster, called Graham Rix, played his first League game for Arsenal, the club he joined as a 15-year-old, after turning down offers from Leeds United and Manchester City.

This season, as Arsenal streak away from struggling London rivals, Chelsea, West Ham, and Queens Park Rangers, to maintain their challenge to the Championship pacemakers, a delighted Graham Rix, 20, spoke of his soaring career.

"I spent the opening three months of last season in a plaster cast, recovering from two cracked vertebrae in my back. Although our physio, Fred Street, assured me that the injury is a common one among the majority of players, who never realise they have it, as it never affects them, I must have been an exception, as it sidelined me for most of last term.

"Being out of action for so long last season was pretty depressing, but getting my first-ever League outing against Leicester, last April, and scoring with my first kick at the ball, plus being called-up for the England Under-21 game with Scotland at Bramall Lane, was worth it.

"In spite of the happy ending to a season that began so badly for me, I was well aware that if I wanted a regular first team spot, I'd have to fight for it. There are so many talented players at Highbury, and the competition so keen, that, with one or two exceptions, I don't think anyone can take his place in the League side for granted.

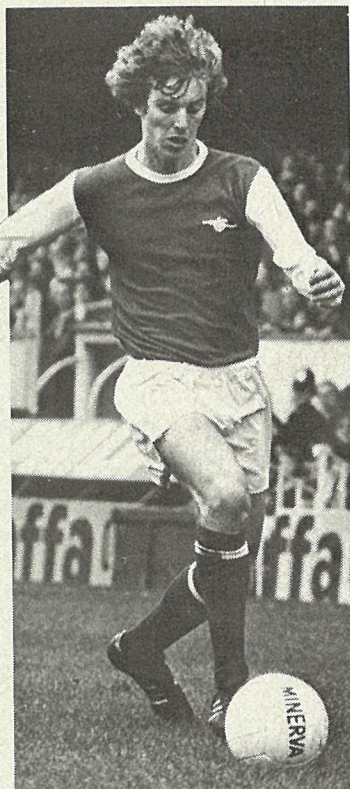
"Since the season began, I like to think that I've established myself in the first team, and I mean to keep it that way. The role I'm filling at present has me playing wide on the left, to give the attack width, and balance.

"When situations demand it, I drop back into midfield, and this suits me fine, as I like coming through from a deeper position to have a crack at goal.

"I'm delighted with the way things have gone for me since the season began. Mind you, with everybody playing and running their hearts out for each other, I couldn't help but benefit. There is a terrific togetherness about this Arsenal team that I'm certain will put us among the honours at the season's end.

"Another significant factor in our encouraging start has been the return of Don Howe, who did such a great job as coach and right-hand man to Bertie Mee, in the 'Double' year.

"With my light-weight build, I have to rely entirely on skill, although since I joined Arsenal, as a kid, I've put on 1½ stone, which puts me around the 10st. 7lbs. mark. I feel that I'm hard enough and tough enough in my body to



stand up to the quick, fierce tackling of the First Division.

"There was a certain amount of talk at the start of the season about Liam Brady and myself being very similar in style, but even though we are both ball-players, I like to create space, and come through for the quick crack at goal, while Liam, who has been in fabulous form since August, is at his best taking on people and going past them.

"We work well together, but, in the present set-up, as I said before, we are all playing for each other.

"I honestly believe that Arsenal are heading towards a great future, and I'd like to think that I can be part of it."

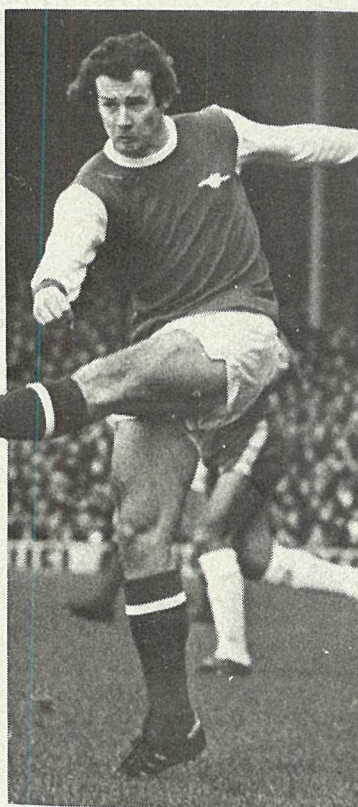
LIAM BRADY is only 21, but he's been around long enough to know what the game is all about and he fully realises that nobody in the game who wants to succeed and then carry on in reasonable comfort when his playing days are over can afford to sit back and accept the good days as a kind of bonus.

Says Liam: "What's my ambition? To win something. That's in your heart when you are a player. But you also want to make enough money during a career that isn't so long, so that you've got enough when it is all over.

"I suppose that means you must play — or you must want to play — for the best teams. Everything seems to be happening abroad these days, so it's not all that surprising when you see players moving overseas to try their luck

agree Arsenal's two young midfield stars

GRAHAM RIX / LIAM BRADY



in another country."

Don't worry, Arsenal fans. That doesn't mean that Liam can't wait to pack his own bag and be off. You should know that Arsenal are doing quite nicely, thank you. No, these are the honest views of a professional who has earned a star rating at a quite early age.

If you've any doubts, just listen to Liam again as he talks about Arsenal of today and the Arsenal of tomorrow.

"How near are we to becoming a Championship team again? Well, I'd say very close. Nobody could say this is our best year, but we are just beginning to really get it together.

"I believe that even if we were to win something this season which is too early to say yet, we would be successful over the next few years. Don't forget we've got six or seven

young lads in the team and our results haven't been bad.

"We seem to have a bit of a problem at home. We haven't won as many games at Highbury as we should have done, but we're not bad away from home are we? The Gunners had won six on the trot away until Everton beat us 2-1 at Goodison on December 31st.

"As far as youngsters are concerned, and this includes me, what about David O'Leary and Graham Rix? To us Graham has already arrived. He's not just on his way up. He'll be playing forever.

"David is only young as well. But at 19 he's a first team regular and he's been there for so long. This kind of thing is good for the future."

So is Brady good for Arsenal and he'll be one of the reasons they succeed when they start hauling in the honours again.

How did it all begin? Again, who better to tell the story than Liam himself.

"I'm known as Liam although I'm listed as William. But in case you didn't know Liam is Gaelic for William. I was at home in Dublin when an Arsenal scout came to see me and offered me a trial.

"Off I went and then signed as an apprentice in June, 1971. I became a full professional in July, 1973, and in October, 1974, had my League debut for a whole match — against Tottenham. I came on as sub., the previous week so I wasn't so nervous.

'Restricted'

"But I didn't do so well and was dropped for the following week. I was restricted to odd games for the rest of the season — I think about eight — and it wasn't until the following season that I got in the team.

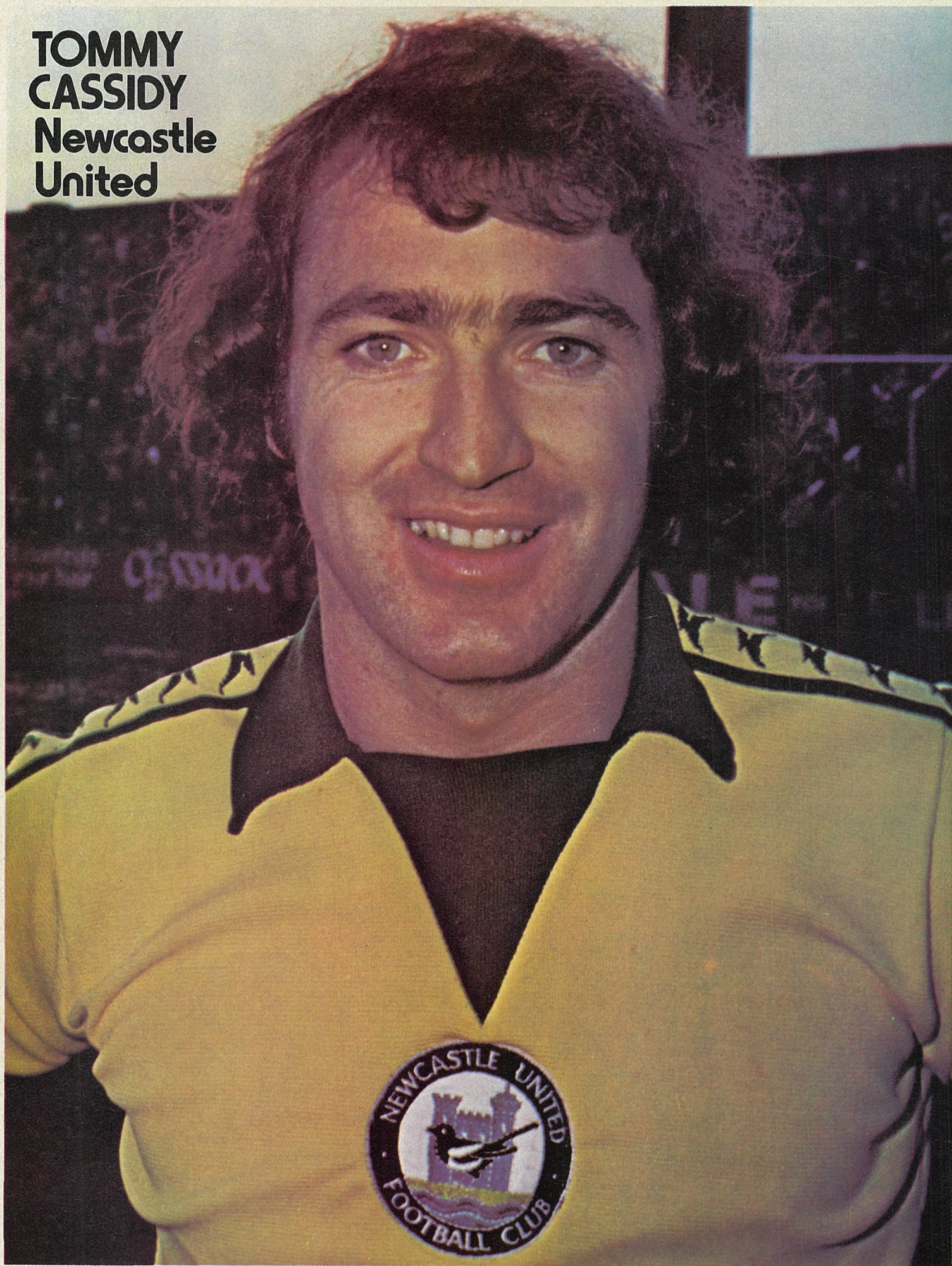
"I've always been what is called an inside-forward. Nowadays some midfield players have tendencies to move forward and some have tendencies to be defenders. I have never been what you might call a defensive midfield player.

"I owe a lot of people a lot of things. At Arsenal Don Howe was the coach when I arrived but he moved to West Bromwich when I signed. Then there was Steve Burtenshaw, Bobby Campbell, Wilf Dixon and Don Howe again.

"At the same time all the recognised senior players helped my development. Players such as John Radford, George Armstrong, Alan Ball who taught me a great deal on the field."

By current standards they would seem to have been good teachers. For Liam Brady has reached the standard where many youngsters would look up to him as a teacher. And that's not bad for a 21-year-old.

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